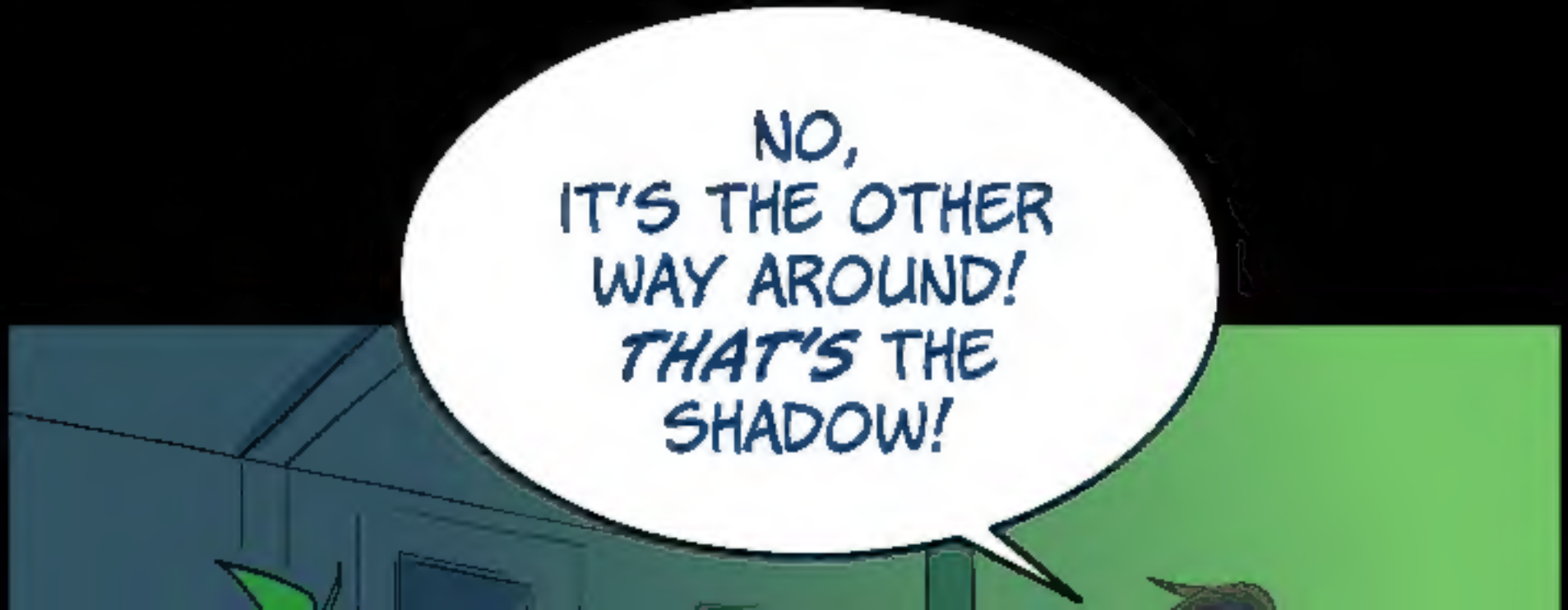
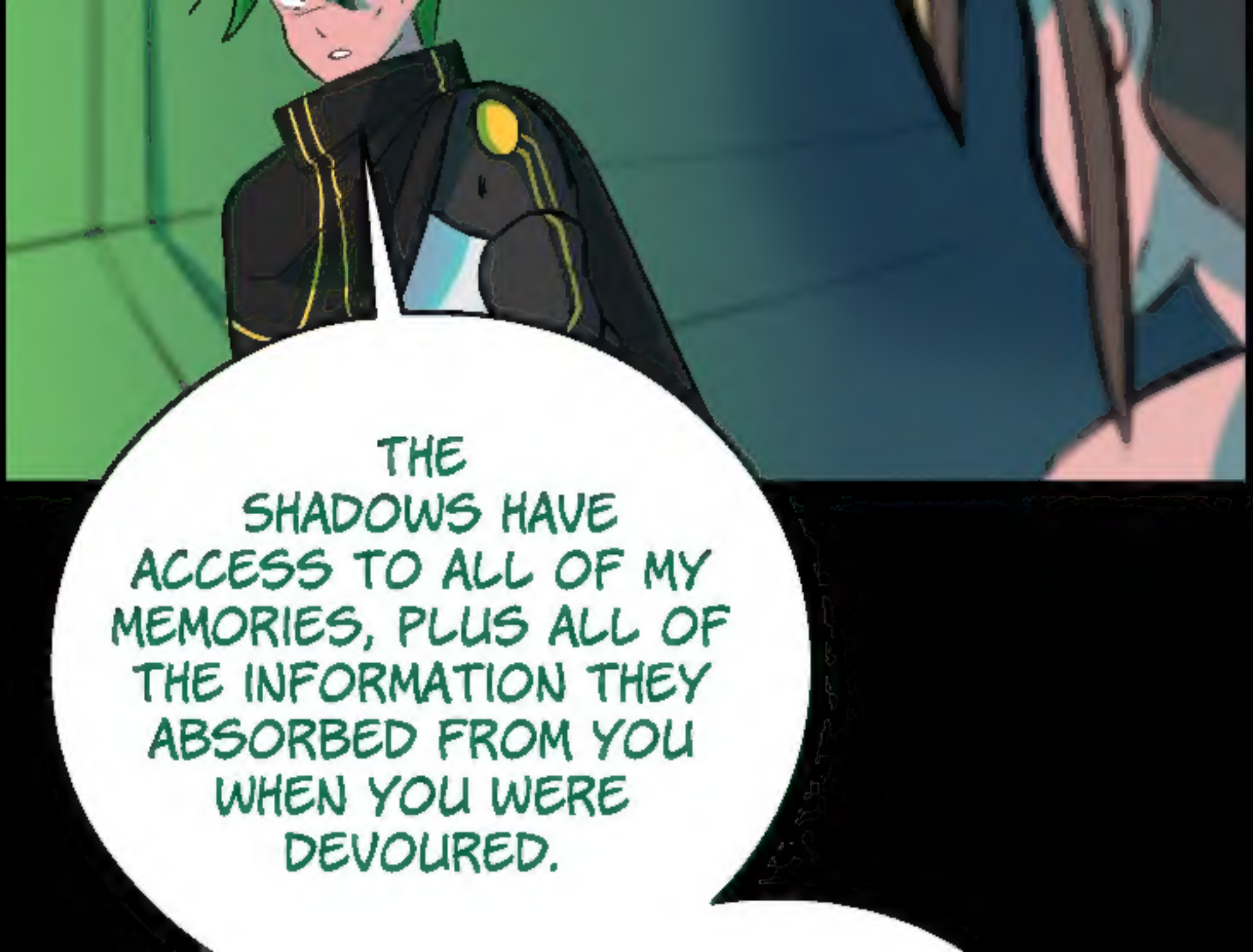

NO,
IT'S THE OTHER
WAY AROUND!
THAT'S THE
SHADOW!

IT'S USING YOUR MEMORIES FROM THE BLACK BOX AGAINST YOU!

THAT'S NOT TRUE! LOOK, ASK ME SOMETHING ONLY YOU AND I WOULD KNOW!

WHAT ABOUT SOMETHING THAT I SAID TO YOU BEFORE I LEFT?

...THAT WON'T PROVE ANYTHING.


THE SHADOWS HAVE ACCESS TO ALL OF MY MEMORIES, PLUS ALL OF THE INFORMATION THEY ABSORBED FROM YOU WHEN YOU WERE DEVOURED.

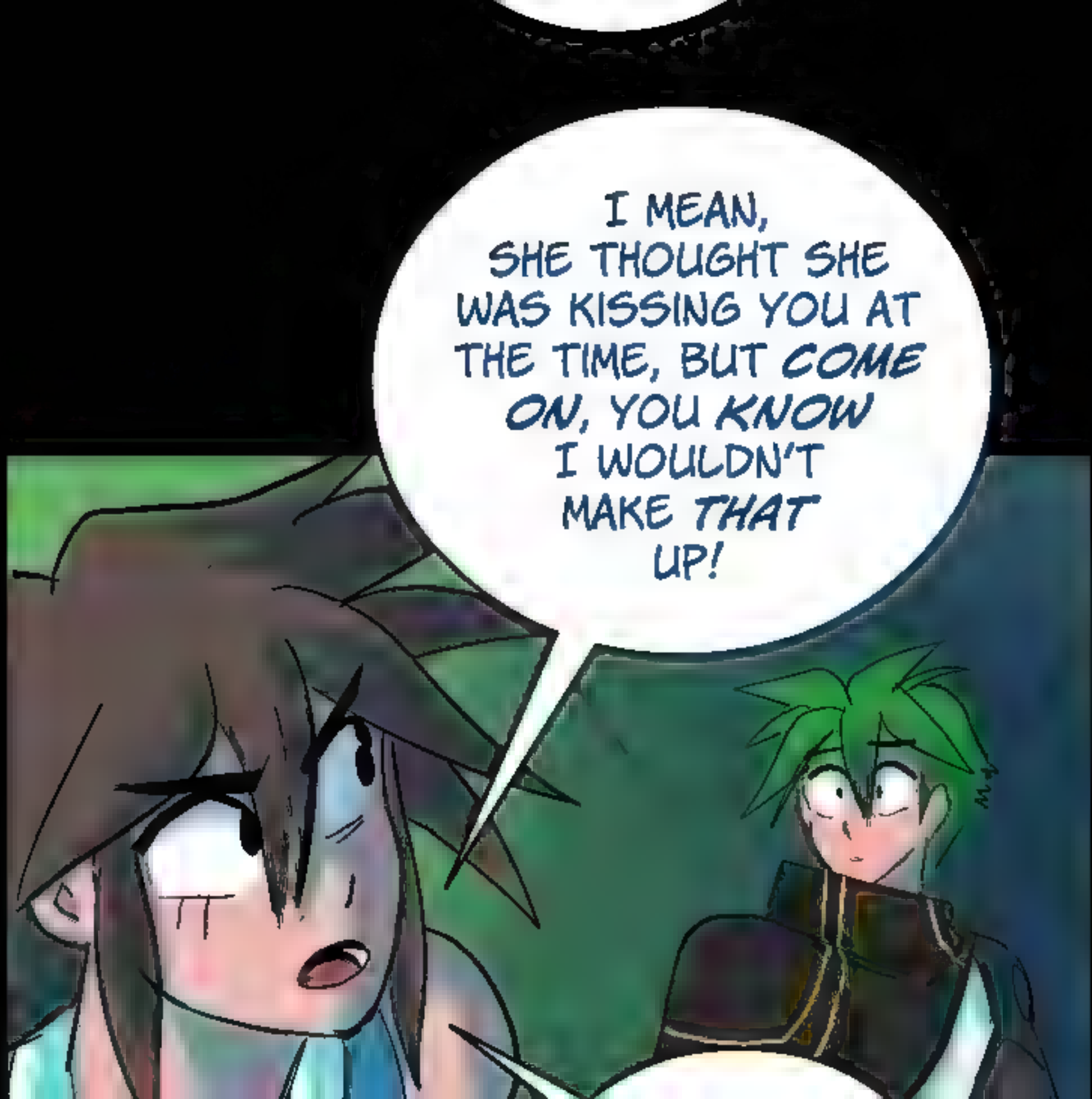
ANYTHING YOU'VE SAID TO ME, THEY'LL KNOW TOO.

THEN HOW ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS GONE?!

MARIA'S HEAD FELL OFF!

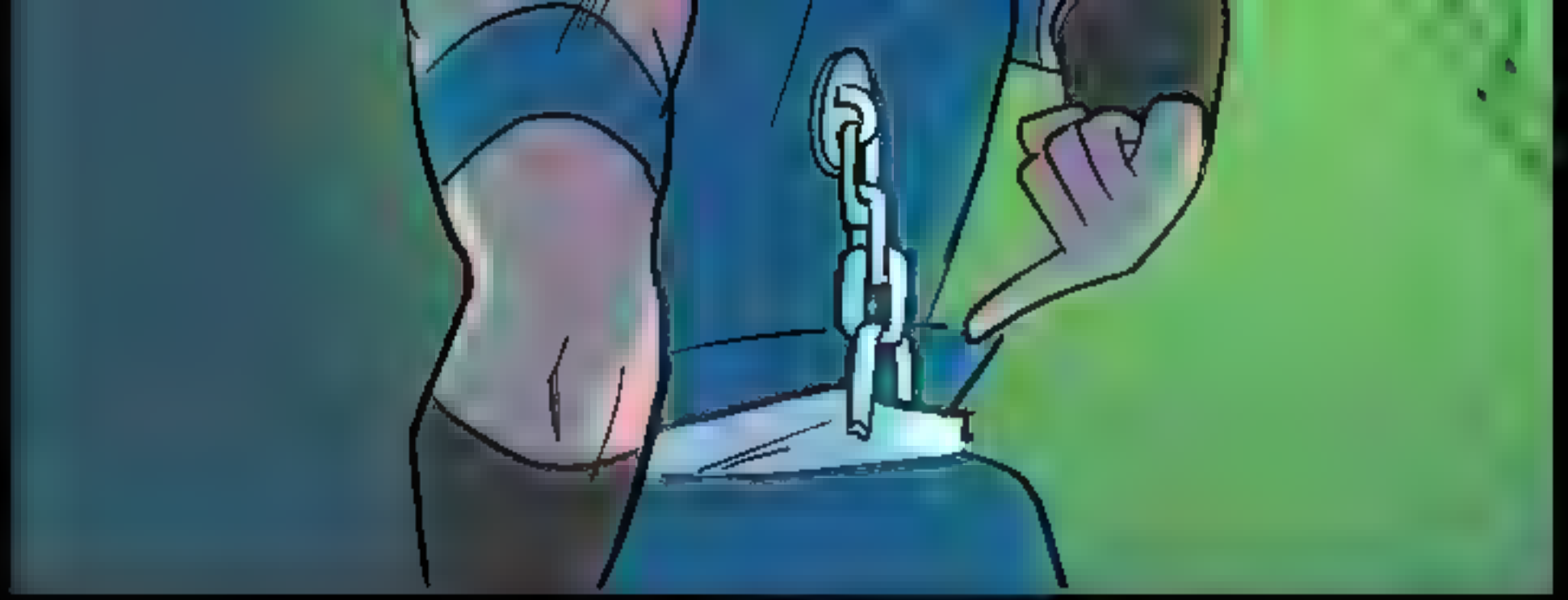
DON LEARNED SERDTSE'S NAME!

TORI
KISSED
ME!

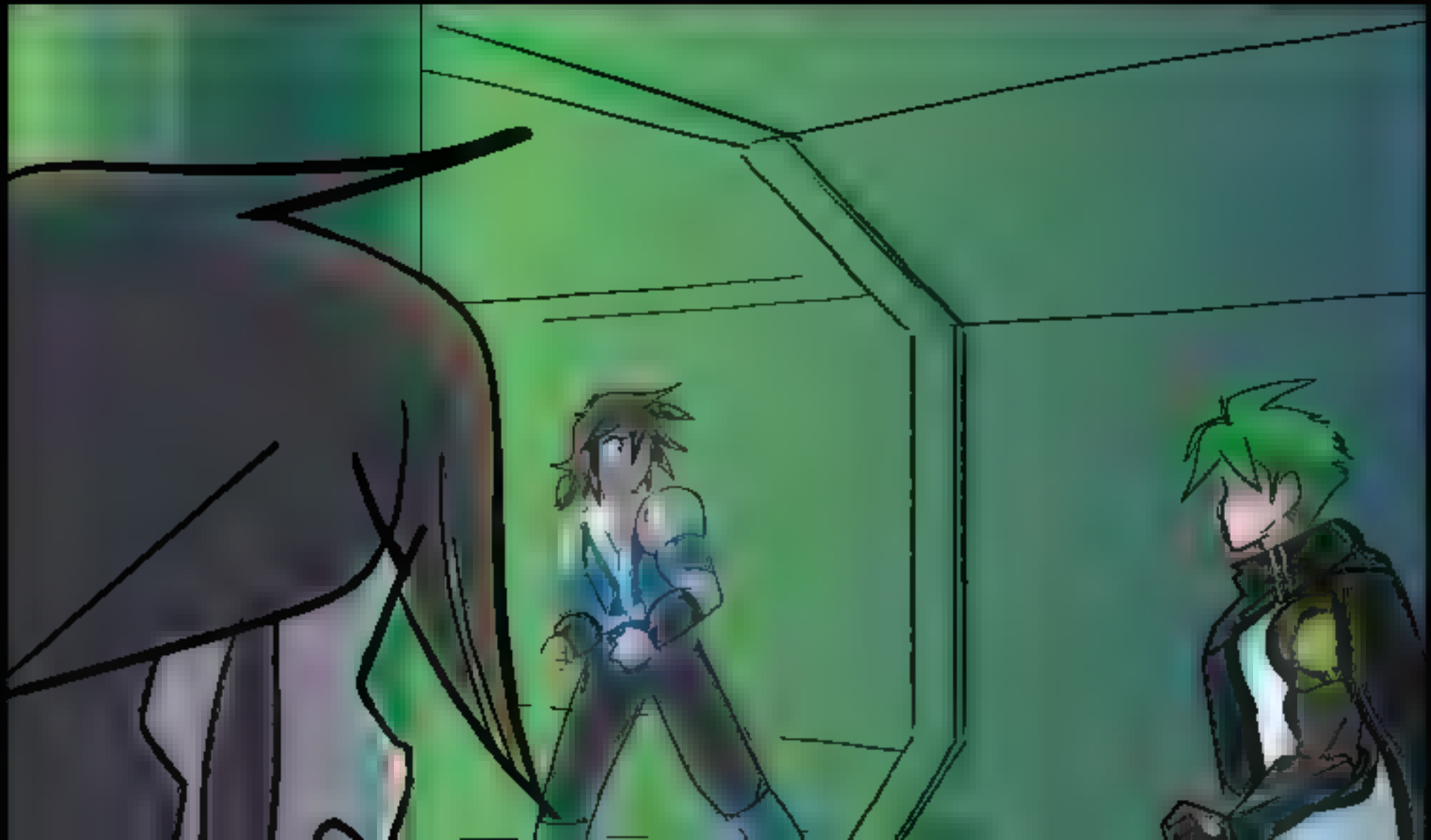

I MEAN, SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS KISSING YOU AT THE TIME, BUT COME ON, YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T MAKE THAT UP!

AND
LOOK AT
THIS.

THIS PROVES I'M REAL. THIS WAS CONNECTING ME TO MY BODY.

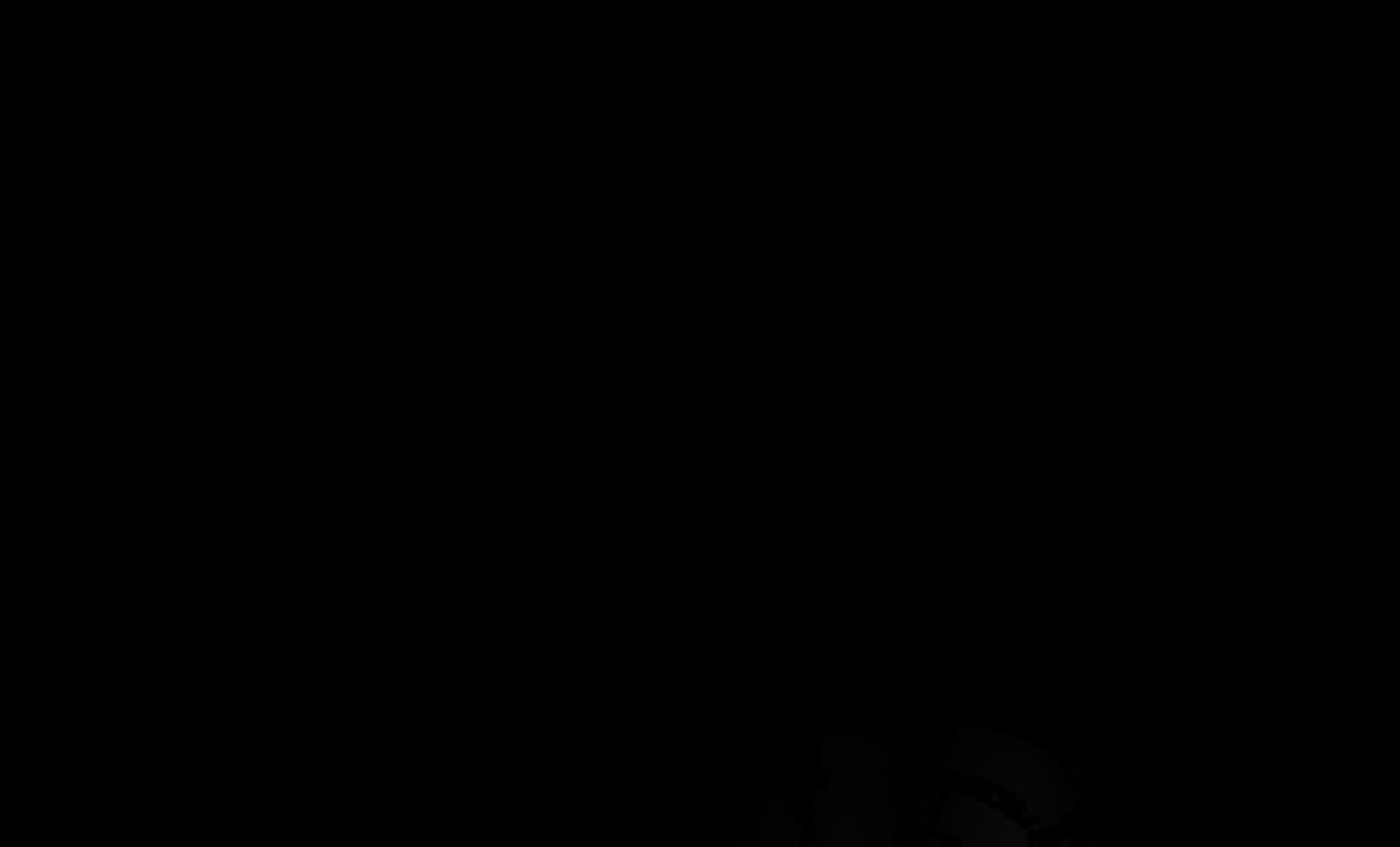


IF I'D WANTED TO, I COULD HAVE GONE BACK. BUT I'M HERE TO HELP YOU, SO PLEASE... YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST ME, KID.



YOU'RE FULL OF SHIT!

THE CHAIN WAS ATTACHED TO ME, LOOK!



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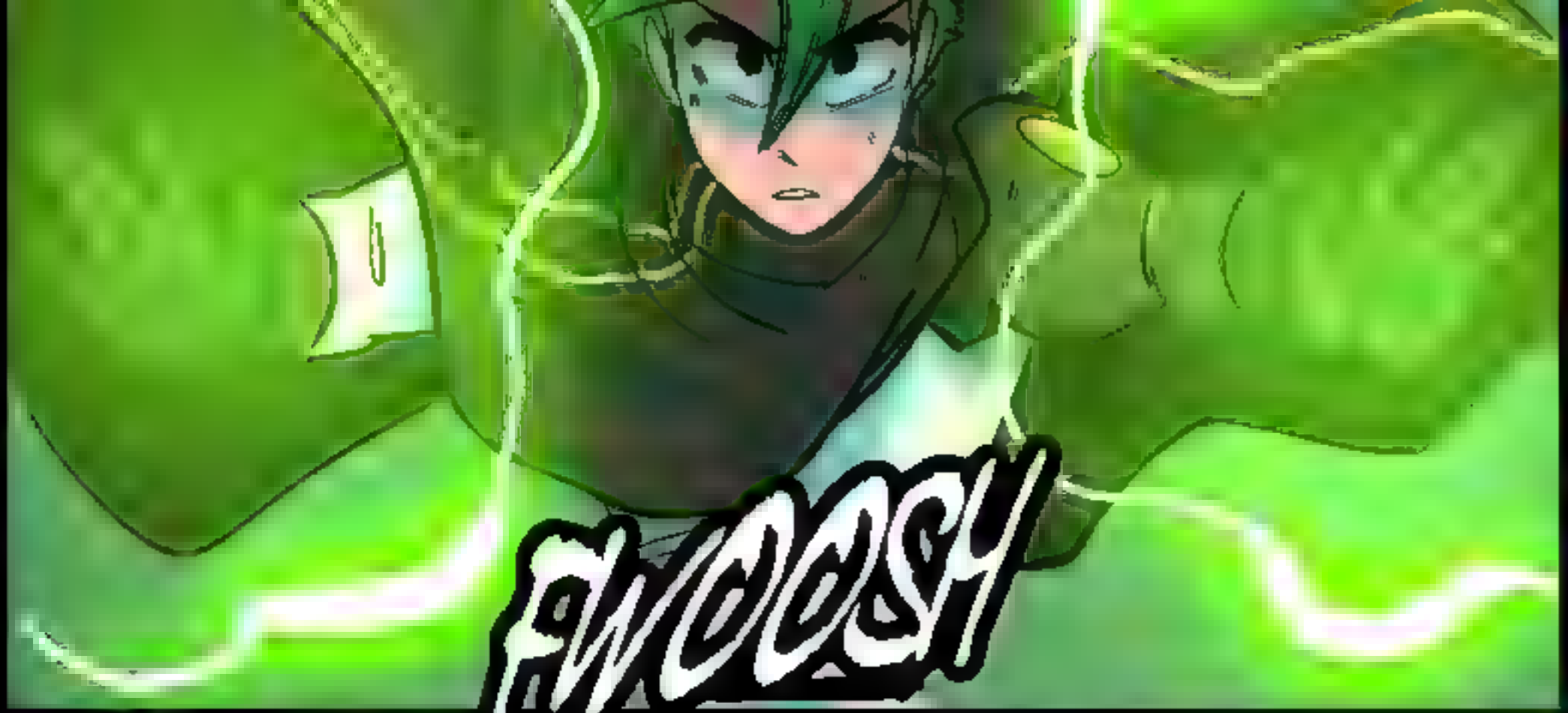
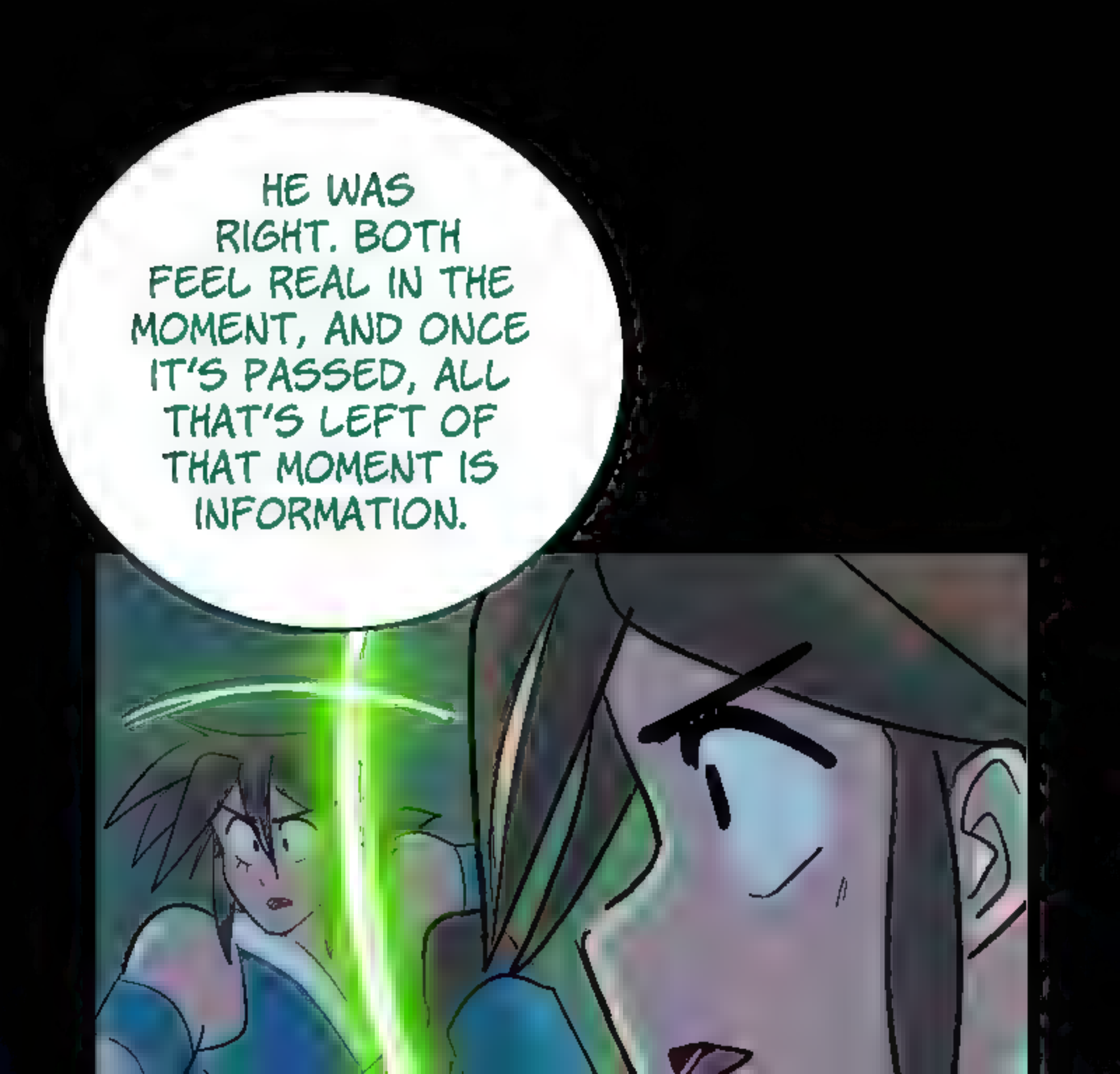
"WHAT KIND OF MAN"

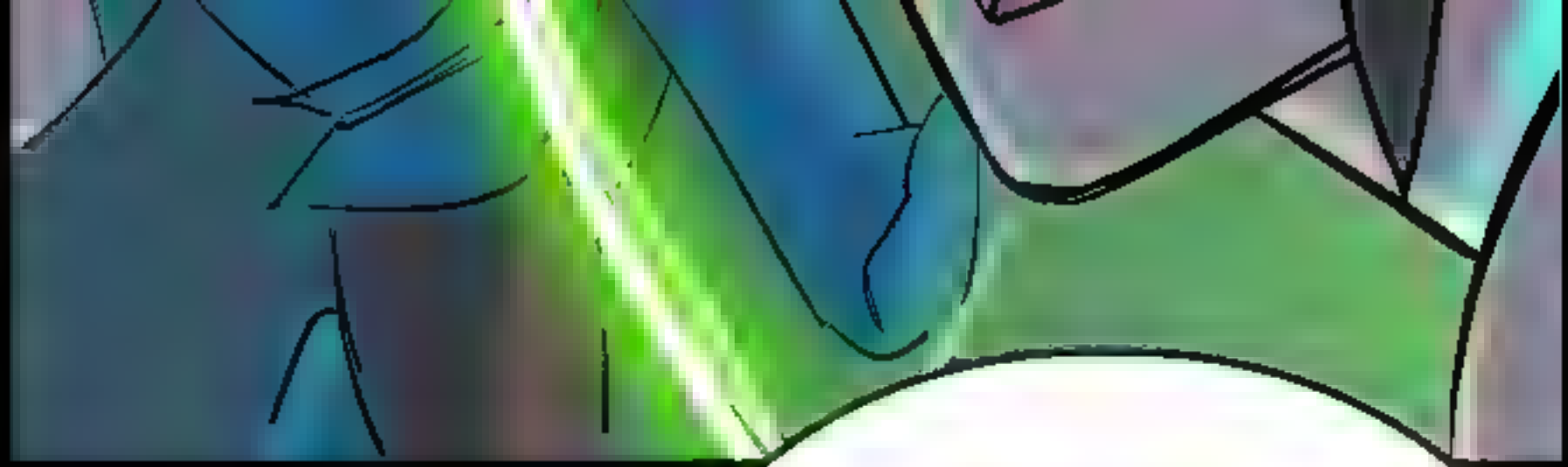
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH.


FWOOSH

FOR ALL I KNOW, YOU COULD BOTH BE SHADOWS.

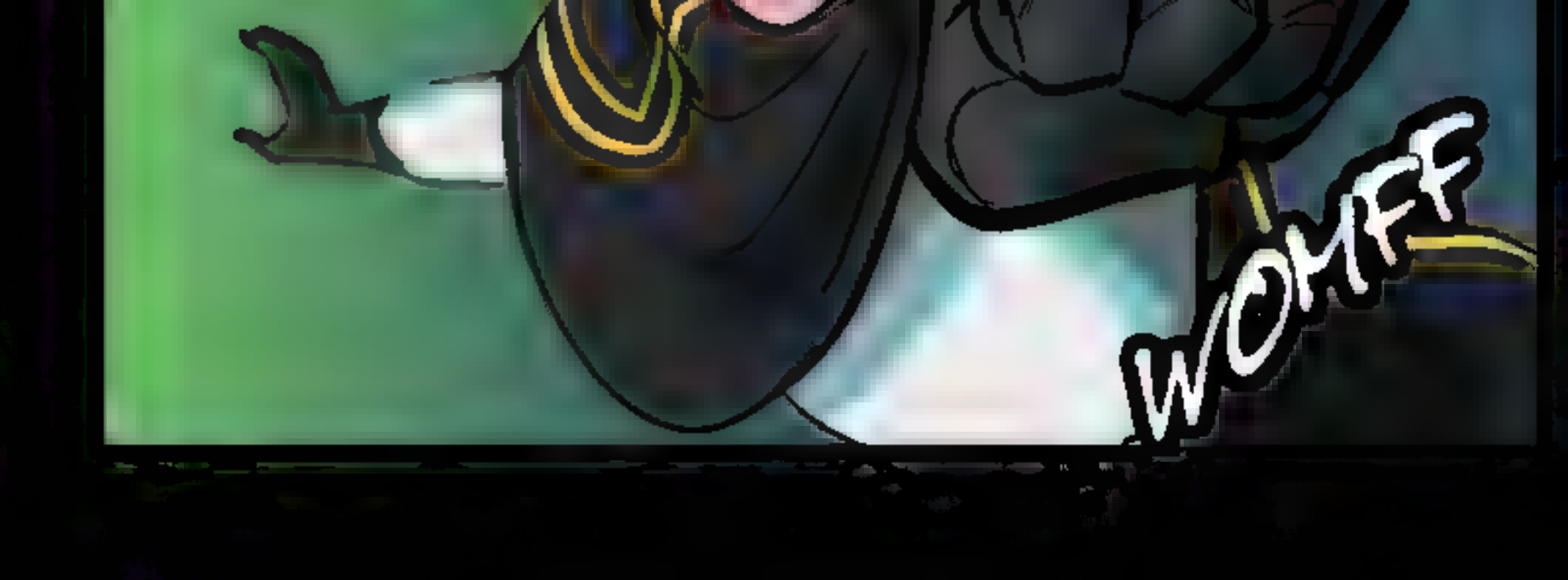
THE REAL KODYA ONCE TOLD ME THAT DREAMS AND REALITY WEREN'T ALL THAT DIFFERENT.


HE WAS RIGHT. BOTH FEEL REAL IN THE MOMENT, AND ONCE IT'S PASSED, ALL THAT'S LEFT OF THAT MOMENT IS INFORMATION.



WHETHER IT WAS EVER REAL OR NOT, YOU CAN'T DESTROY INFORMATION.

BUT YOU CAN COMPRESS IT.


WOMFF

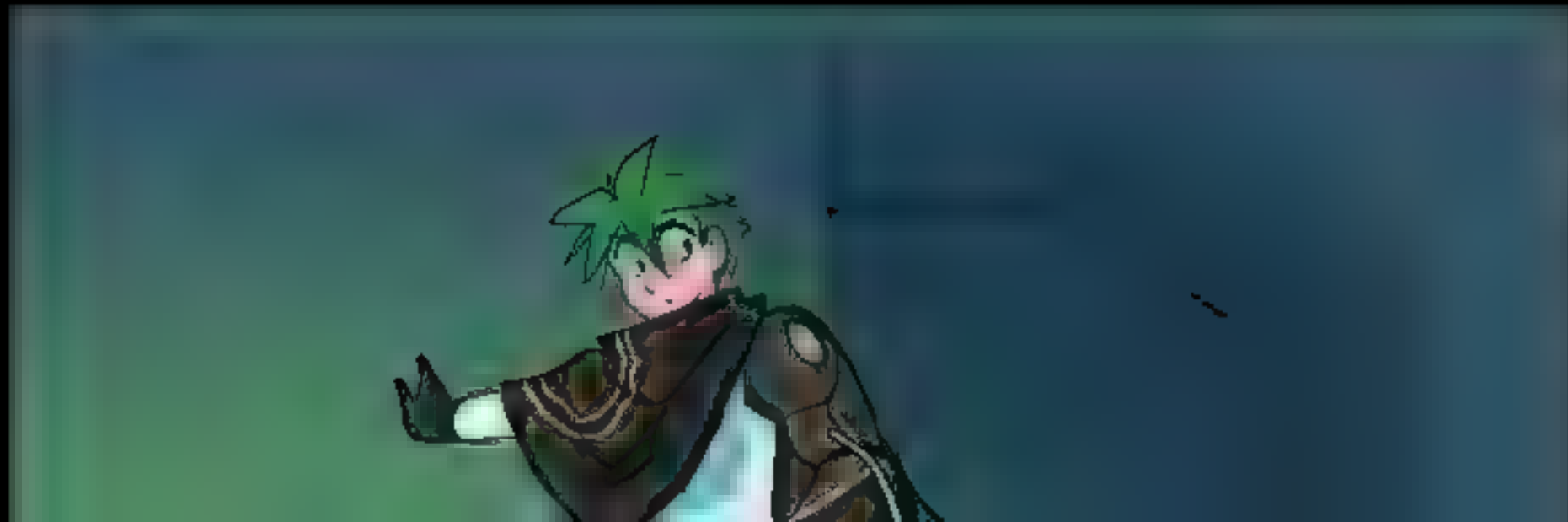
HAH!!

CRUNCH

KID,
PLEASE!
IT'S ME!

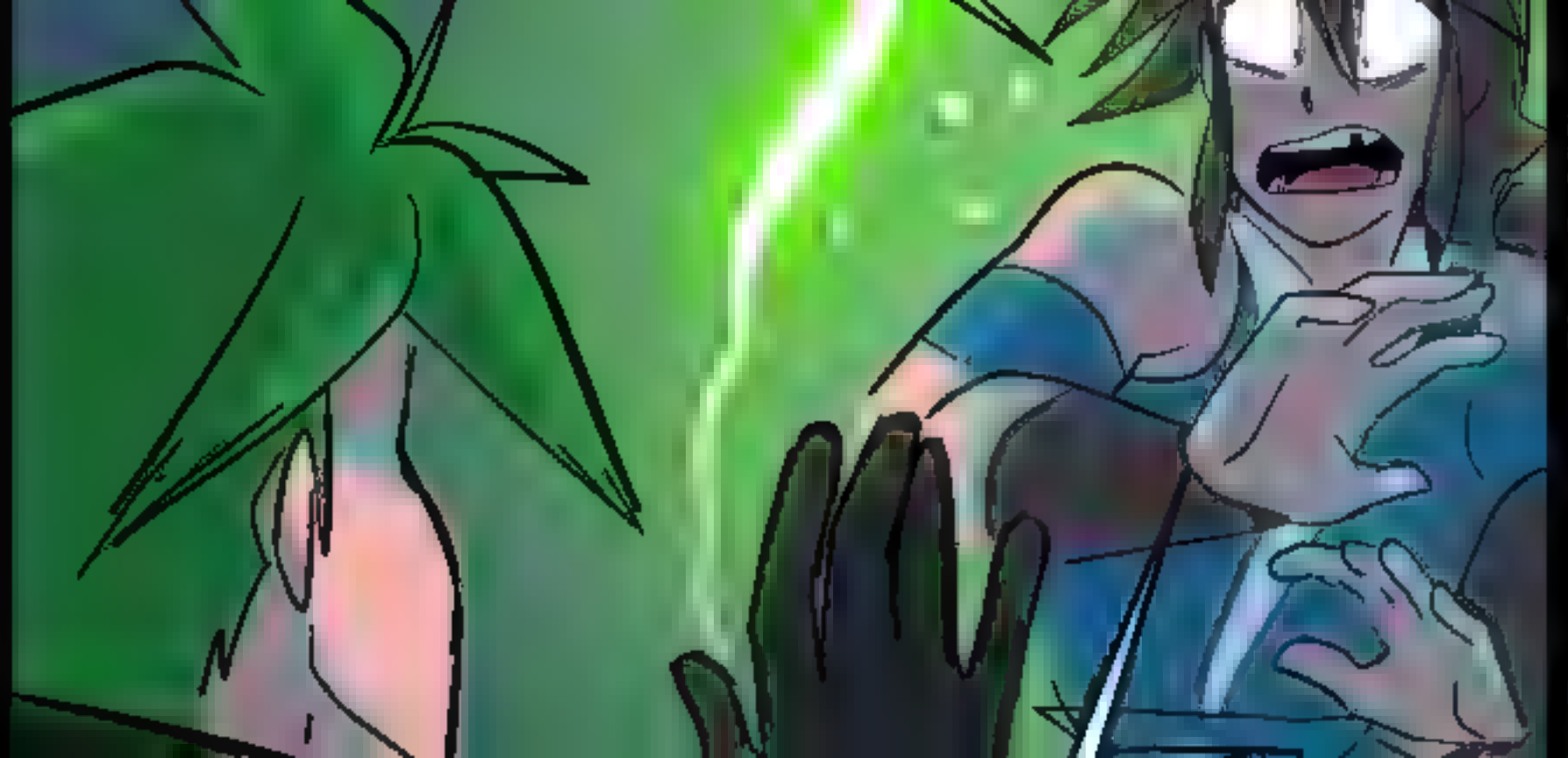
AAAAAAH!

pop

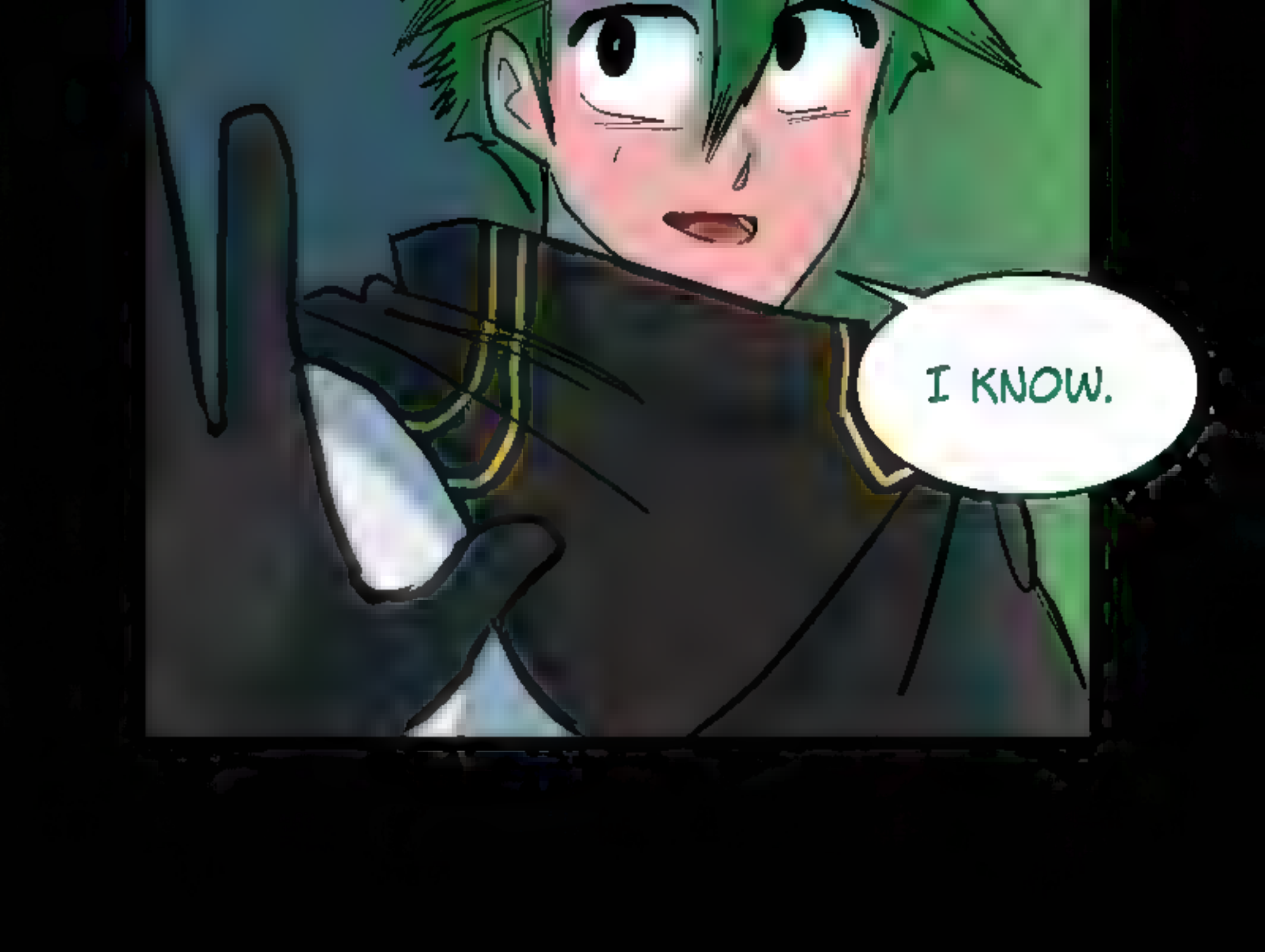


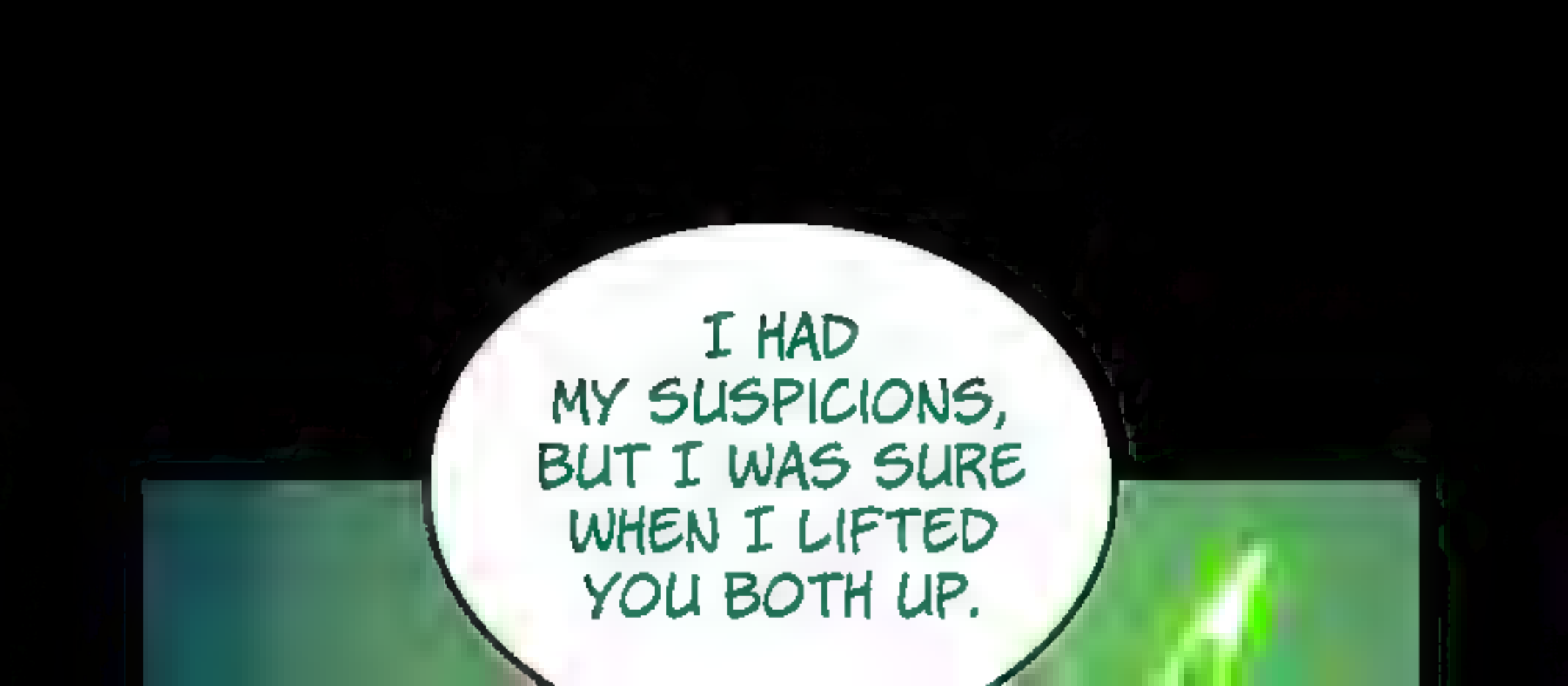
TOK

WAIT! KID!
IT REALLY IS
ME!



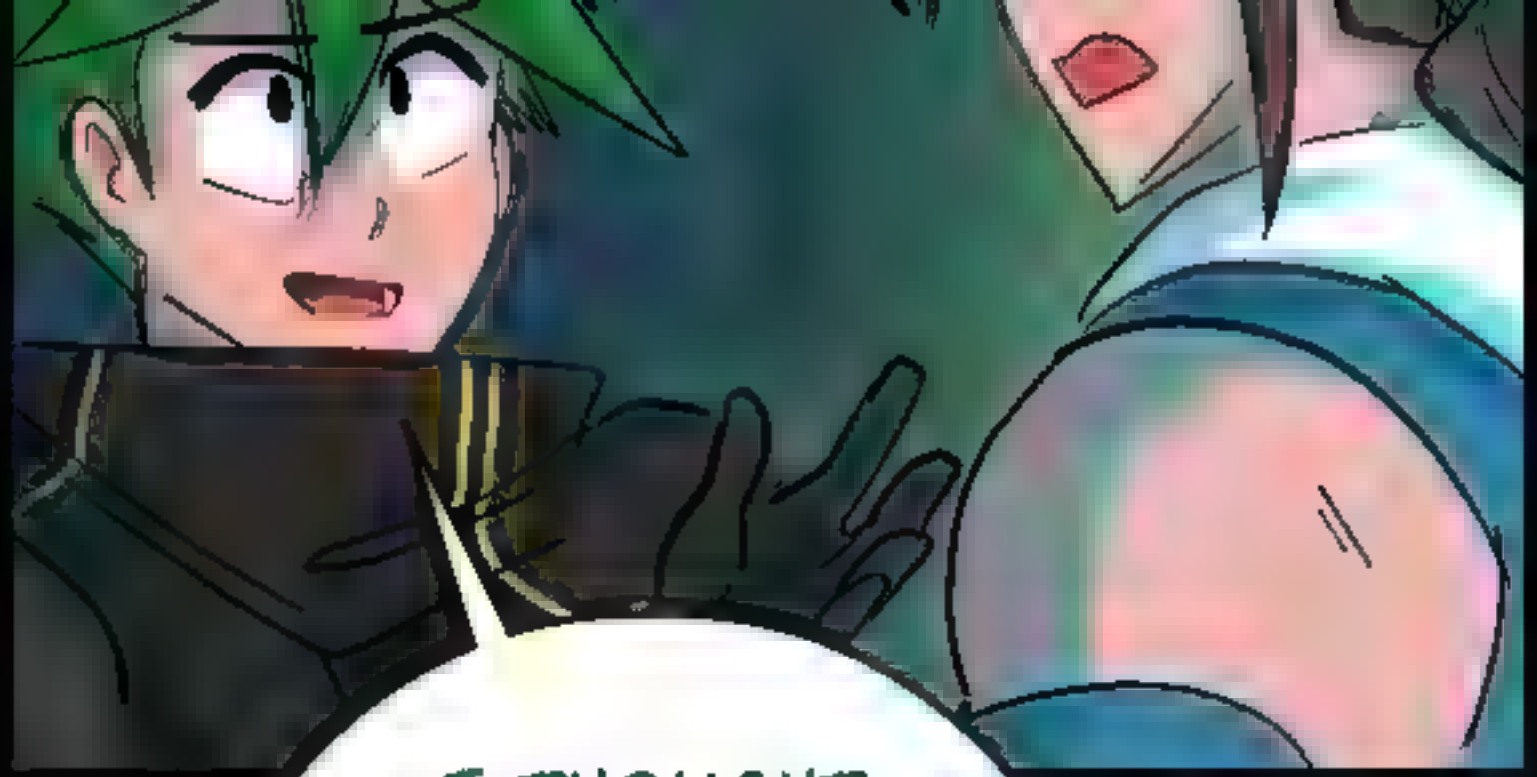
I'M THE ONE WHO SAID THE THING ABOUT THE DREAMS!


I KNOW.


I HAD MY SUSPICIONS, BUT I WAS SURE WHEN I LIFTED YOU BOTH UP.

SHADOWS
ARE HEAVIER.

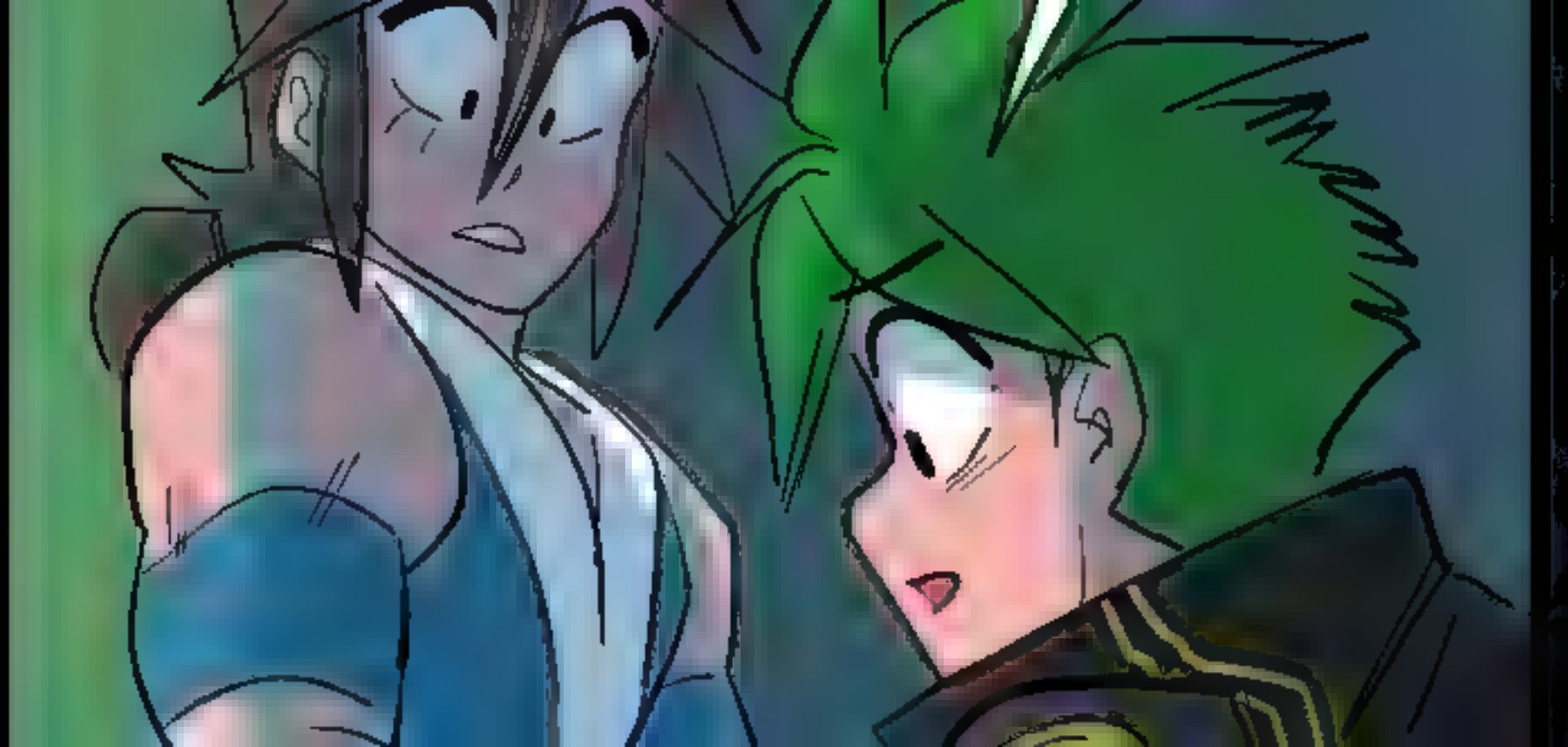
THEN WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT "FOR ALL I KNOW, YOU COULD BOTH BE SHADOWS"!?



I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SMARTER TO LET THE SHADOW BELIEVE IT WAS WINNING.

YOU HAVE TO USE EVERYTHING AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY, RIGHT? YOU TAUGHT ME THAT.

WELL
I GUESS
TECHNICALLY,
I TAUGHT YOU,
AND THEN YOU
TAUGHT ME.



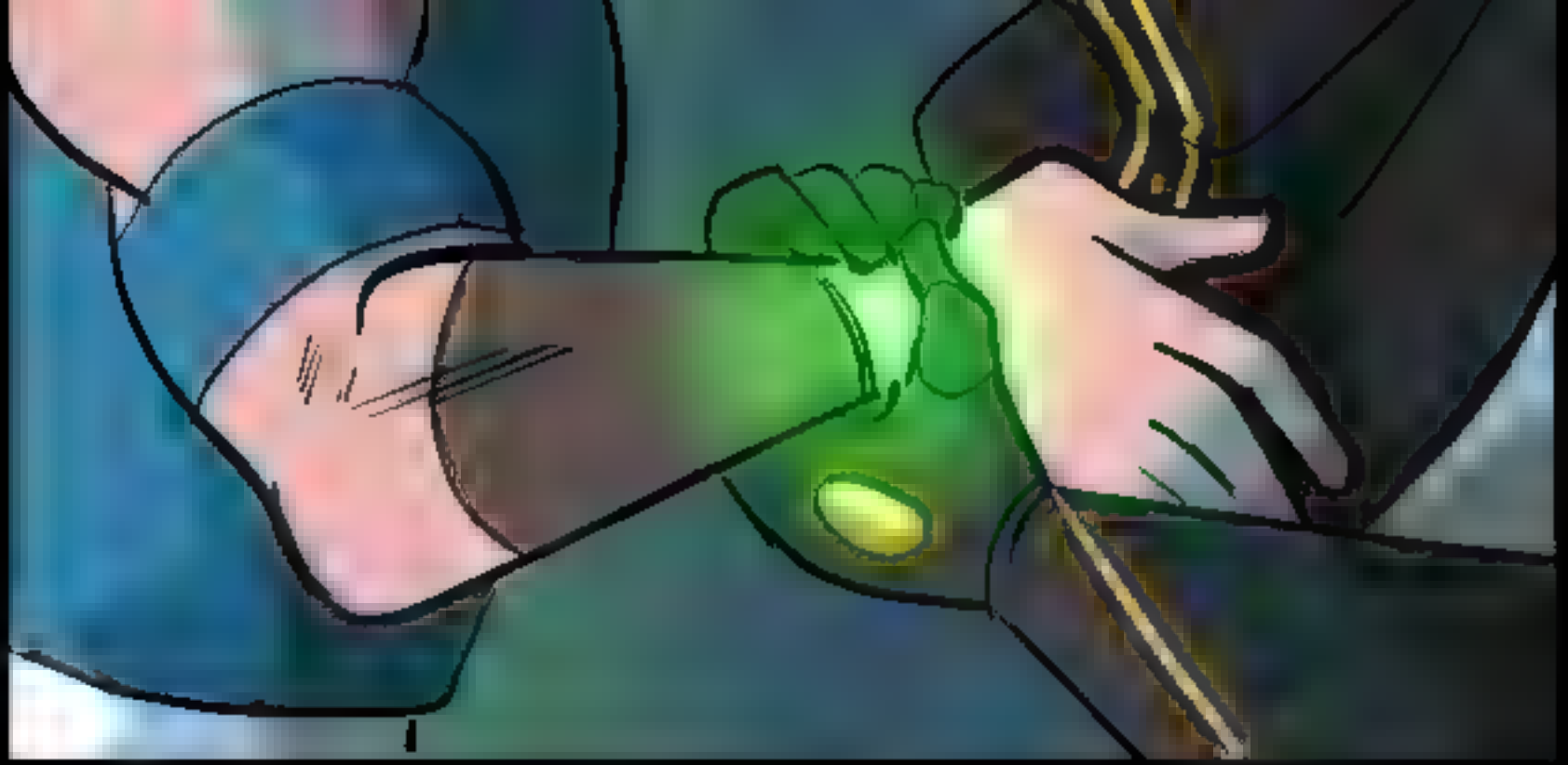
HERE,
I BETTER GIVE
YOU SOMETHING
I CAN RECOGNIZE
YOU BY.

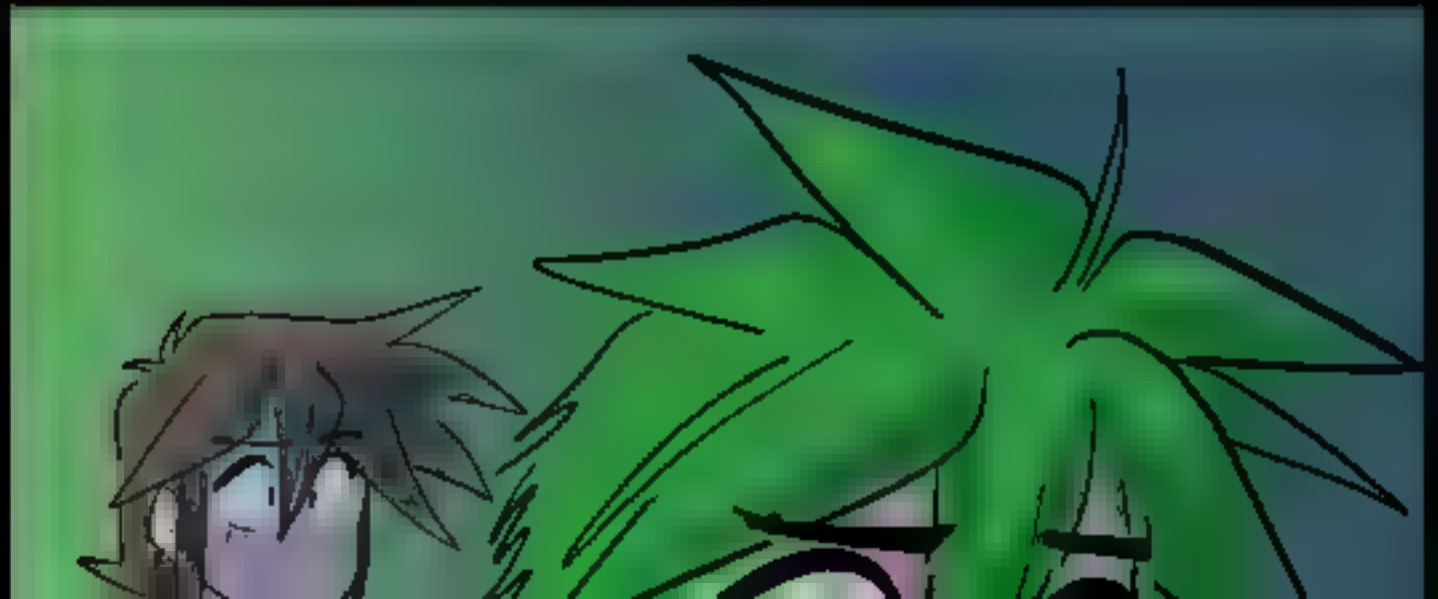
...KID.

...HOW MUCH DO YOU REMEMBER NOW?

NOT EVERYTHING, BUT...

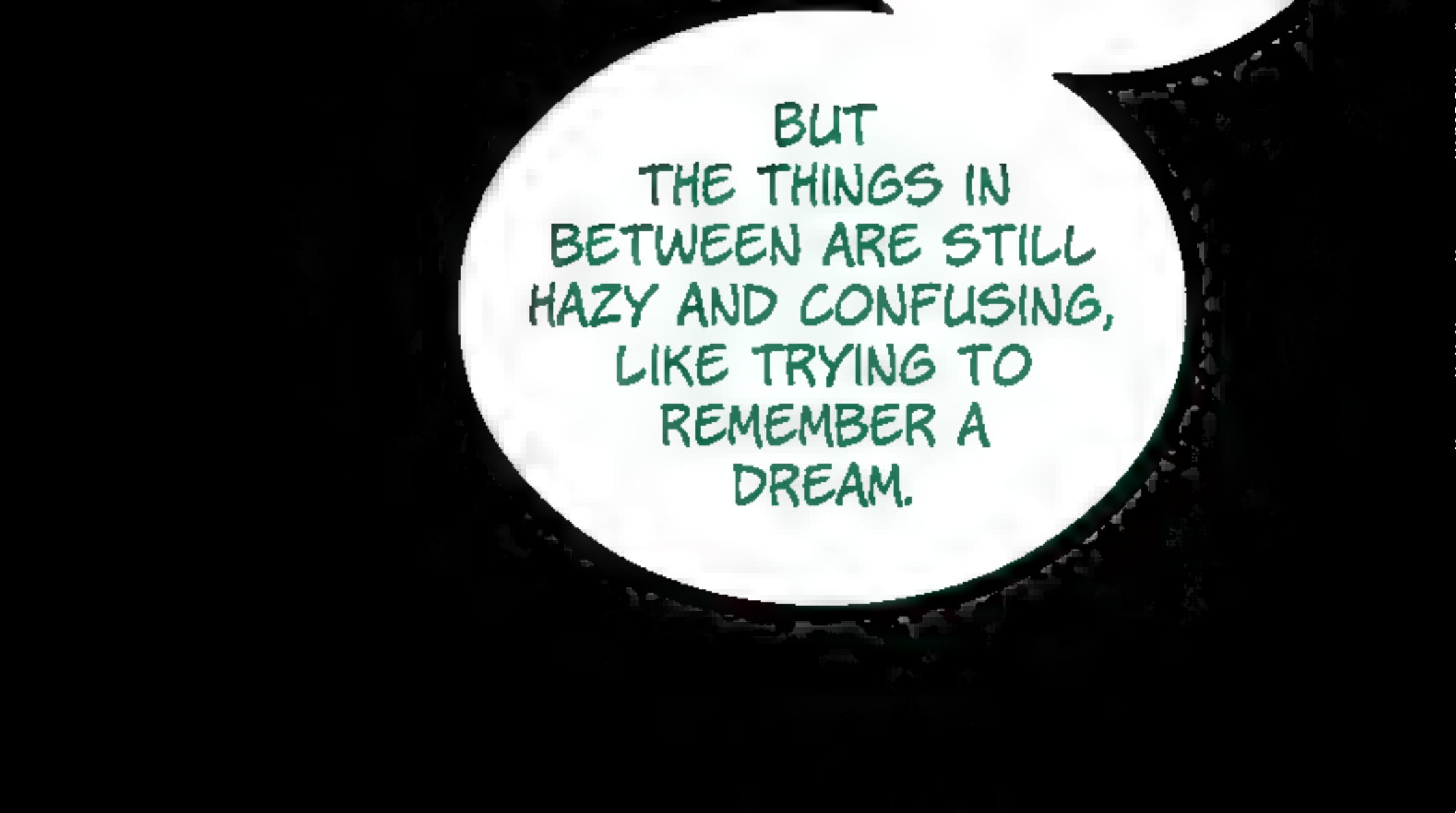
ENOUGH
TO KNOW I DON'T
WANT TO LOSE
YOU AGAIN.

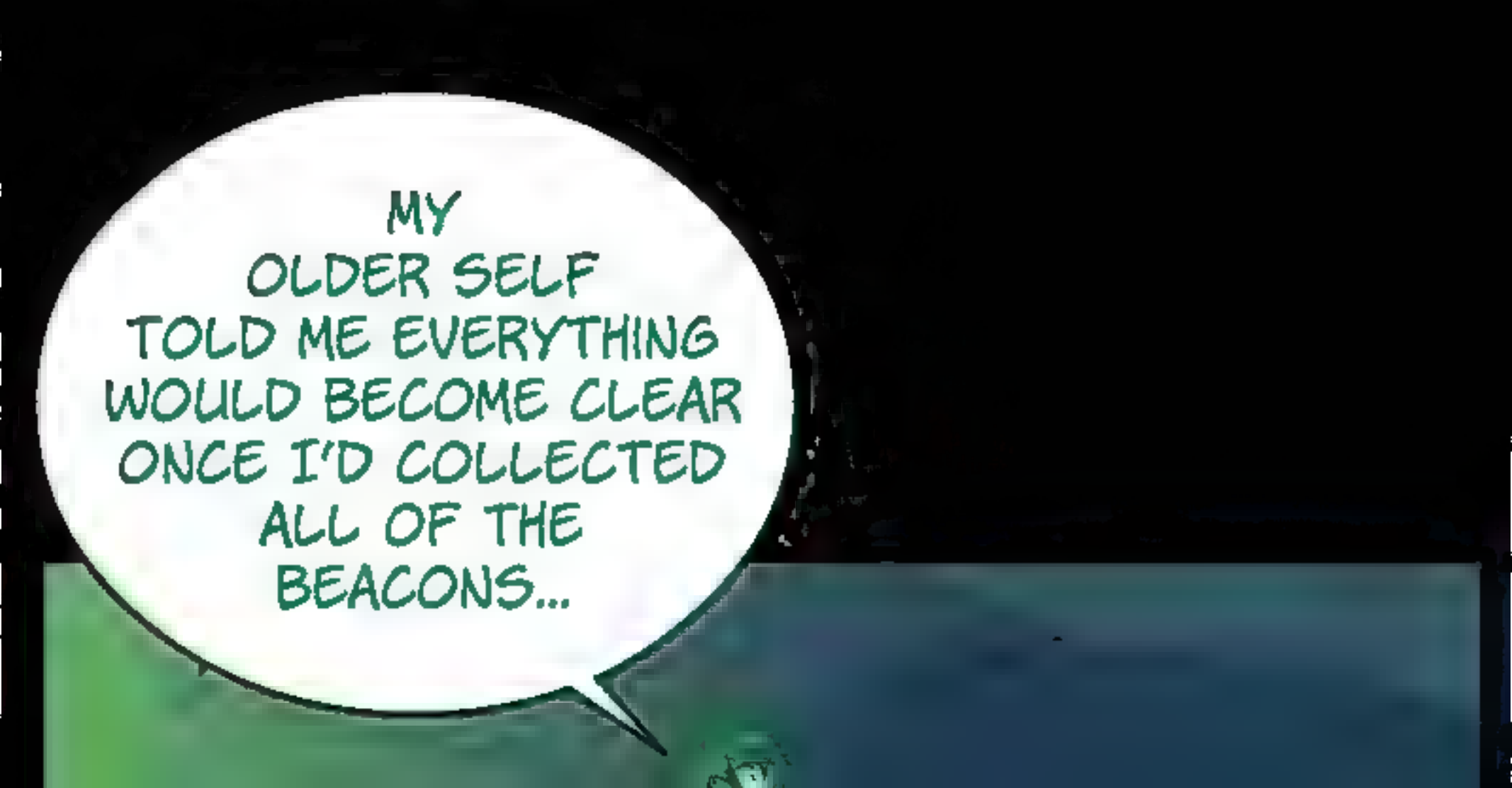




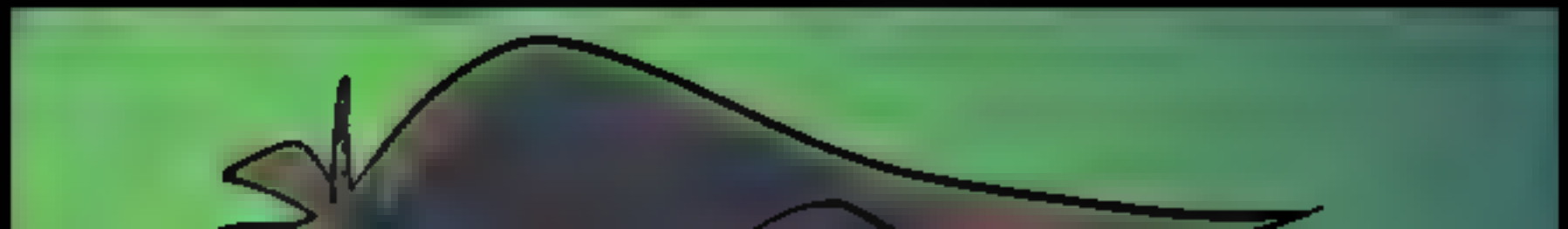
W-WHAT
I MEANT WAS I
REMEMBER BITS
AND PIECES.

THERE ARE SOME REALLY VIVID MOMENTS THAT I GUESS I'M CALLING "BEACONS".


BUT
THE THINGS IN
BETWEEN ARE STILL
HAZY AND CONFUSING,
LIKE TRYING TO
REMEMBER A
DREAM.


MY
OLDER SELF
TOLD ME EVERYTHING
WOULD BECOME CLEAR
ONCE I'D COLLECTED
ALL OF THE
BEACONS...

BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG BEFORE I COULD GET TO THE LAST ONE. I NEED TO FIND HIM...



THE SHADOW CAPTURED HIM.

BUT IF YOU GO THERE, YOU'LL BE WALKING INTO A TRAP.

THERE ARE HUNDREDS, MAYBE THOUSANDS OF SHADOWS WAITING FOR YOU TO COME LOOKING FOR YOUR SELF.

IT'S NOT MUCH OF A TRAP IF I KNOW ABOUT IT, IS IT?

AND I WON'T BE ALONE.

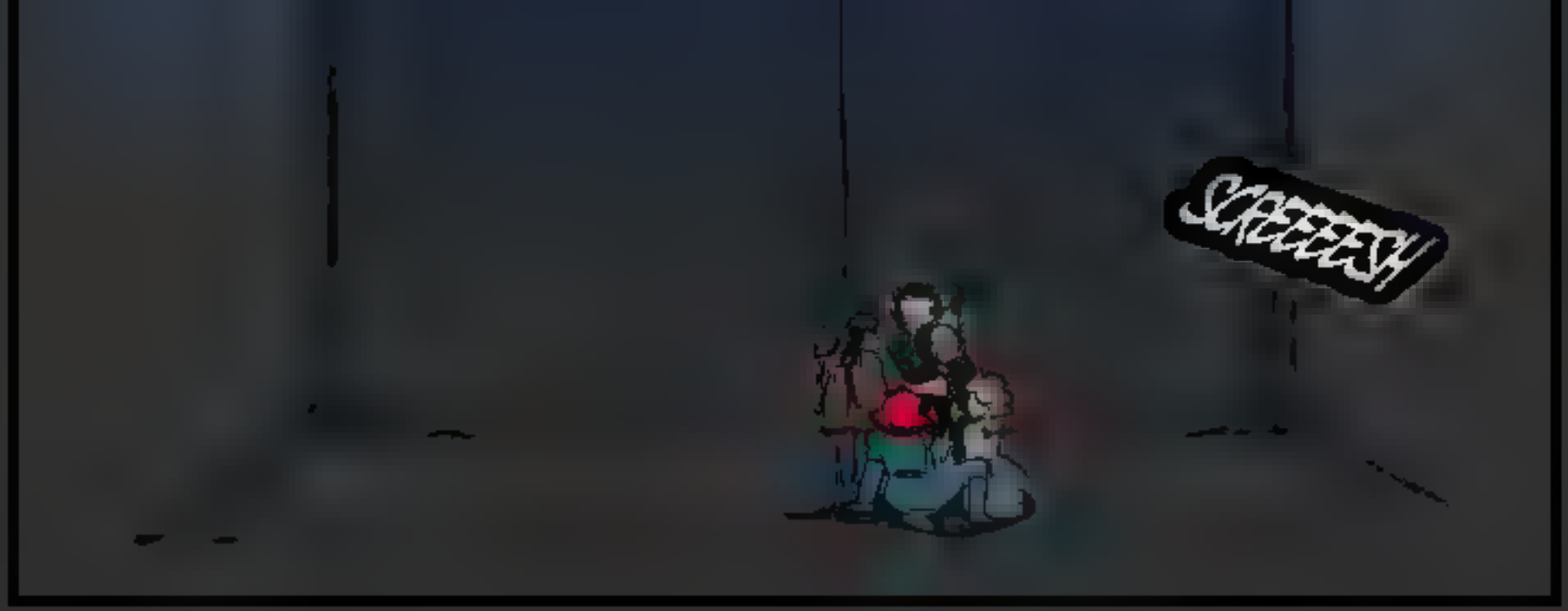
THAT BAND IS MORE THAN JUST FOR SHOW.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE WEARING THAT, I'LL BE ABLE TO FIND YOU.

WHAT DO YOU SAY? WILL YOU SAVE ME ONE MORE TIME?

SCREECH

SCREEEE


SCREEEK!

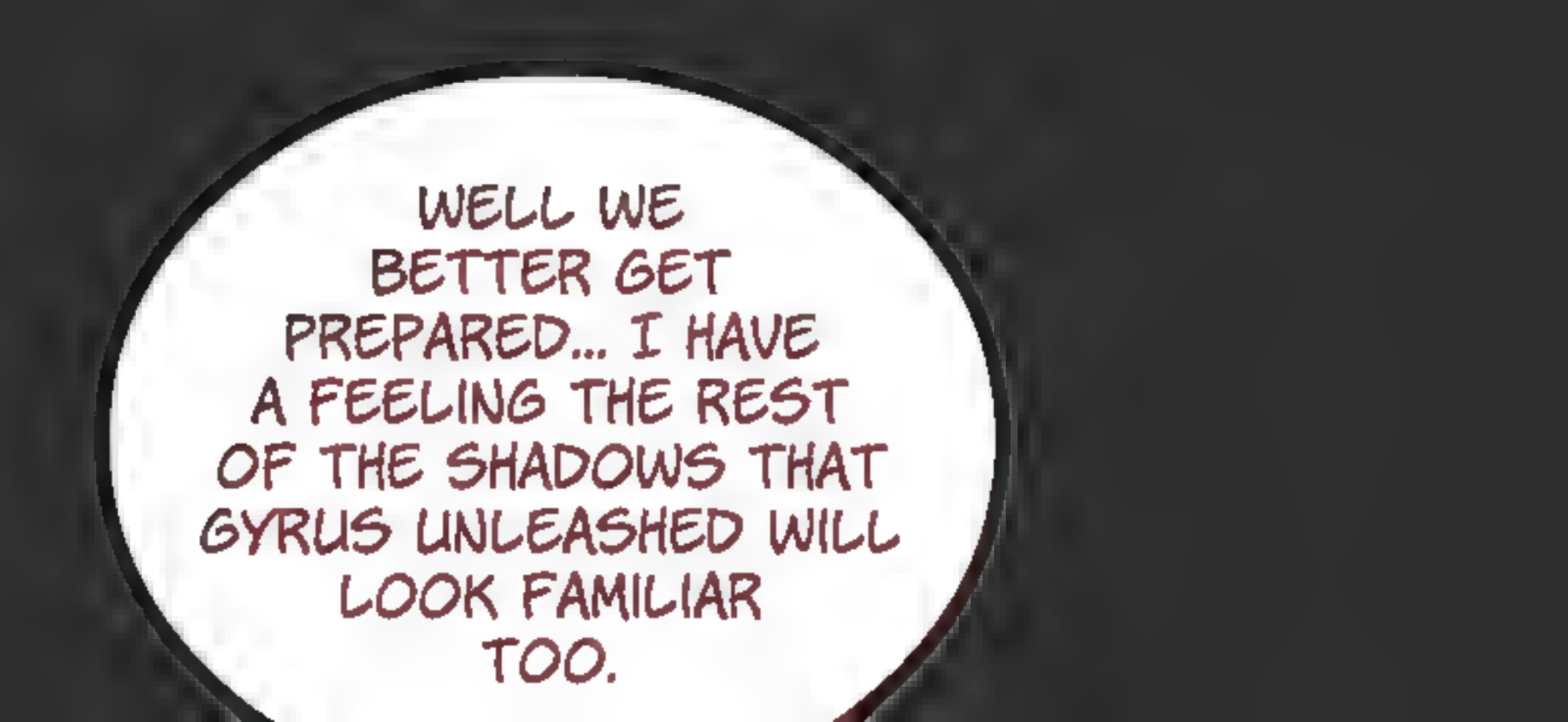
I THINK
THE SHADOWS
ARE GIVING
UP...

FOR NOW... THEY'LL BE BACK LIKE ALWAYS.

THAT SHADOW WAS DEFINITELY THE ONE THAT GOT CIB...

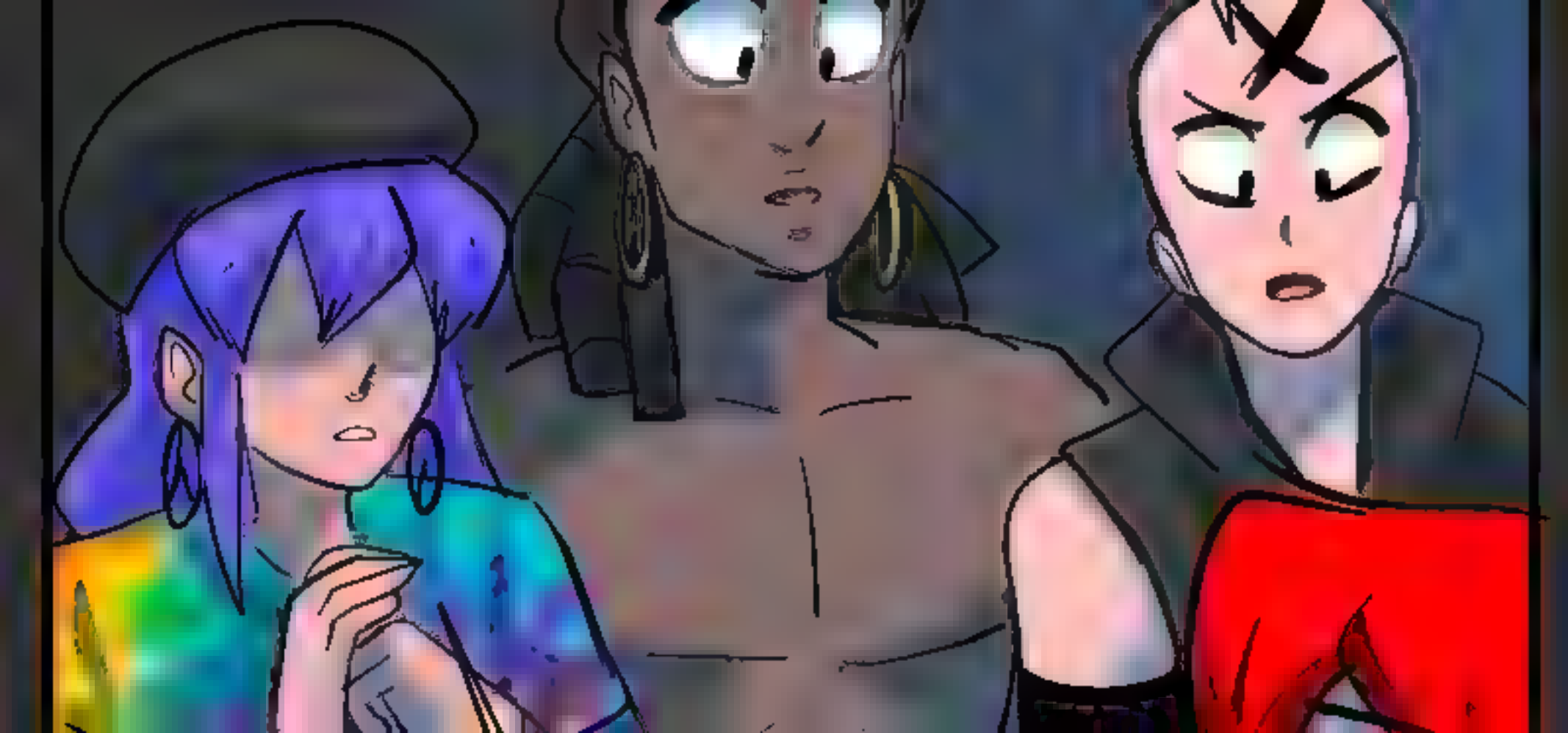
POOR RAGAN... I HAVEN'T SEEN HER LIKE THIS SINCE THE INCIDENT...

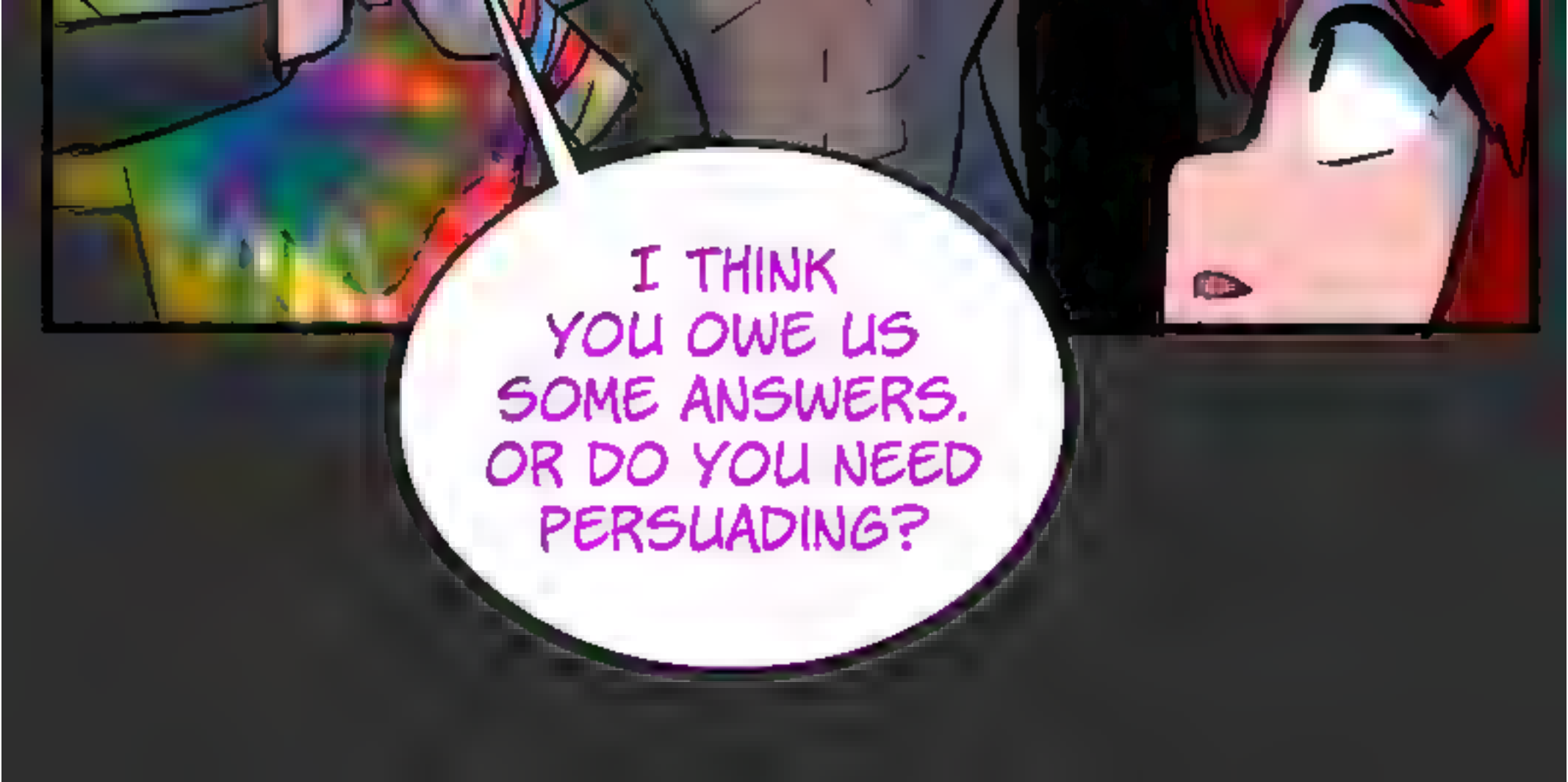
I GUESS NOTHING CAN PREPARE YOU TO SEE SOMEONE YOU LOVED LIKE THAT.


WELL WE BETTER GET PREPARED... I HAVE A FEELING THE REST OF THE SHADOWS THAT GYRUS UNLEASHED WILL LOOK FAMILIAR TOO.

HEY.

IS IT TRUE? HAS GYRUS BEEN CARRYING AROUND HIS VICTIMS ALL THIS TIME TO ATTACK US?
JUST WHAT THE HELL DID YOU COME BACK FOR?




I THINK
YOU OWE US
SOME ANSWERS.
OR DO YOU NEED
PERSUADING?

WE MEAN YE NO HARM. WE HAVE ALREADY SURRENDERED TO YE!

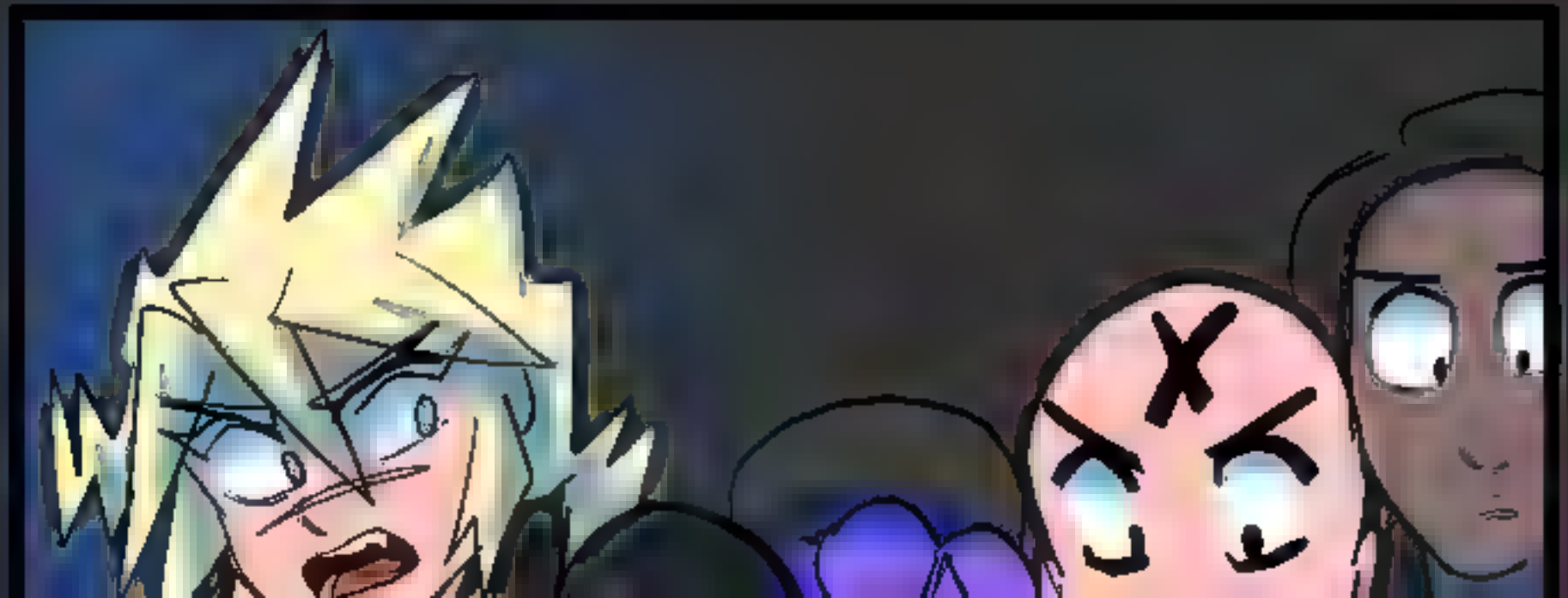
THAT JERK YOU'RE CRADLING JUST TRIED TO KILL US!

HE JUST SAVED THY UNGRATEFUL ARSE!

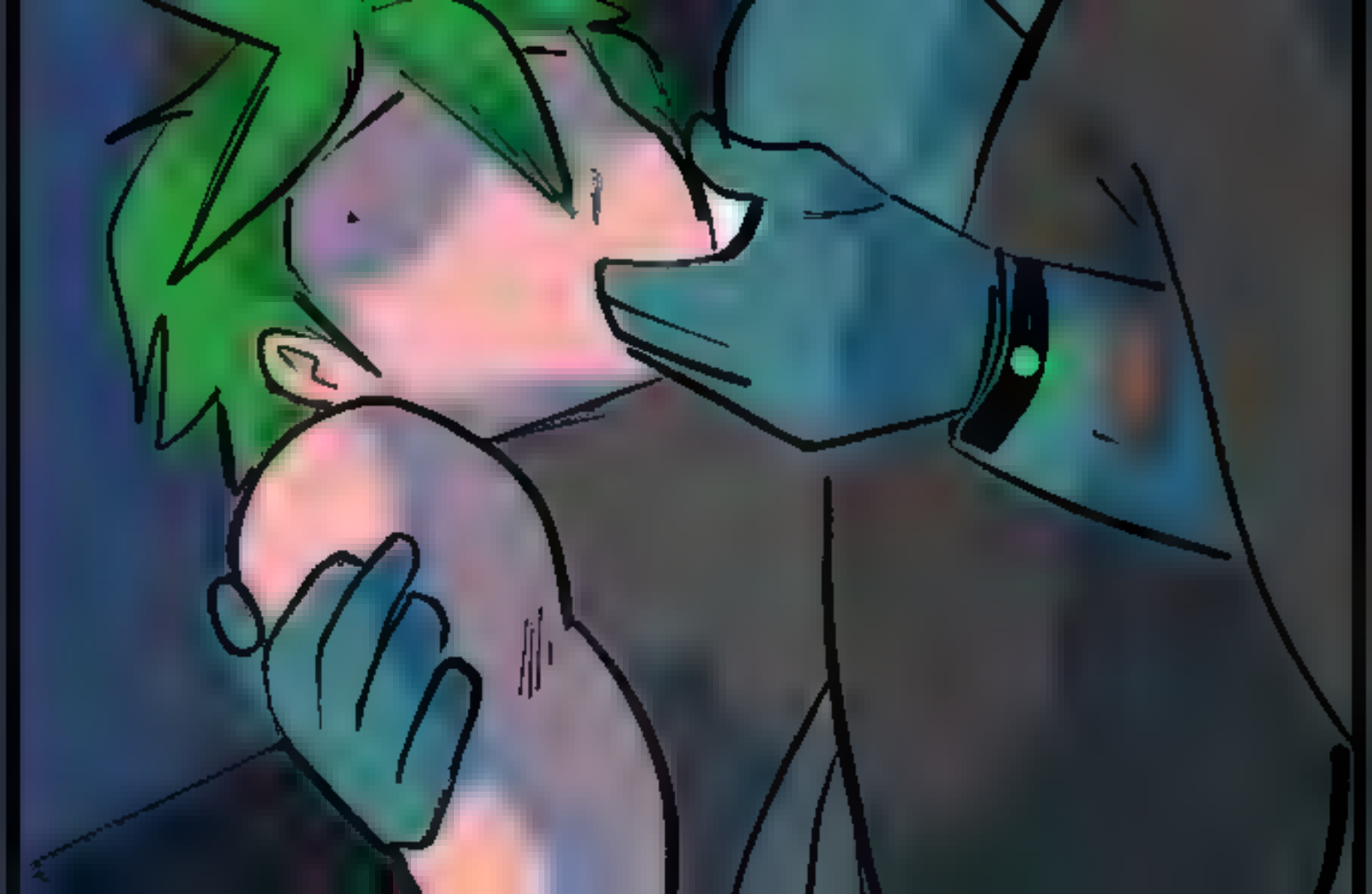
WHY YOU... HOW CAN YOU STILL DEFEND HIM--

SHUT
IT.

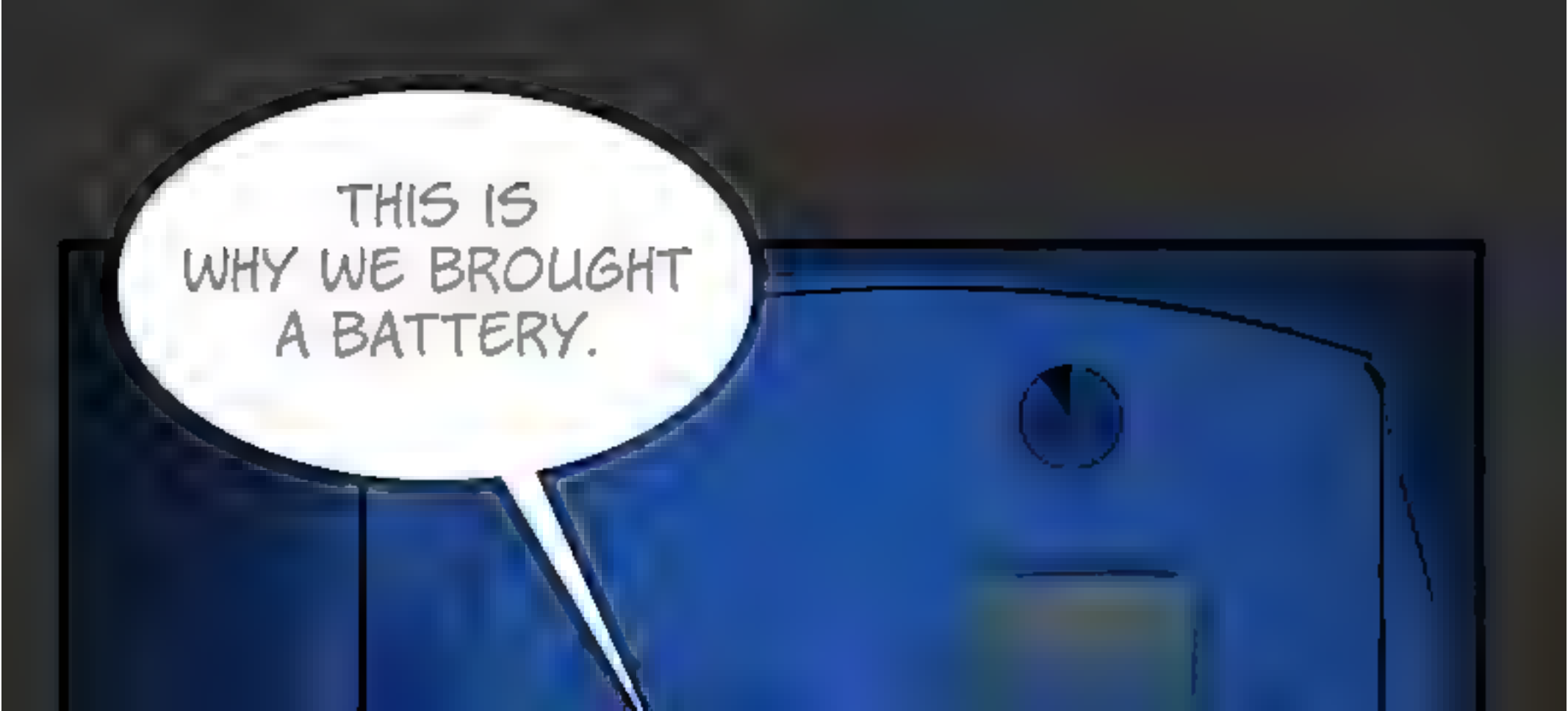
YOU'RE GIVING ME A HEADACHE.



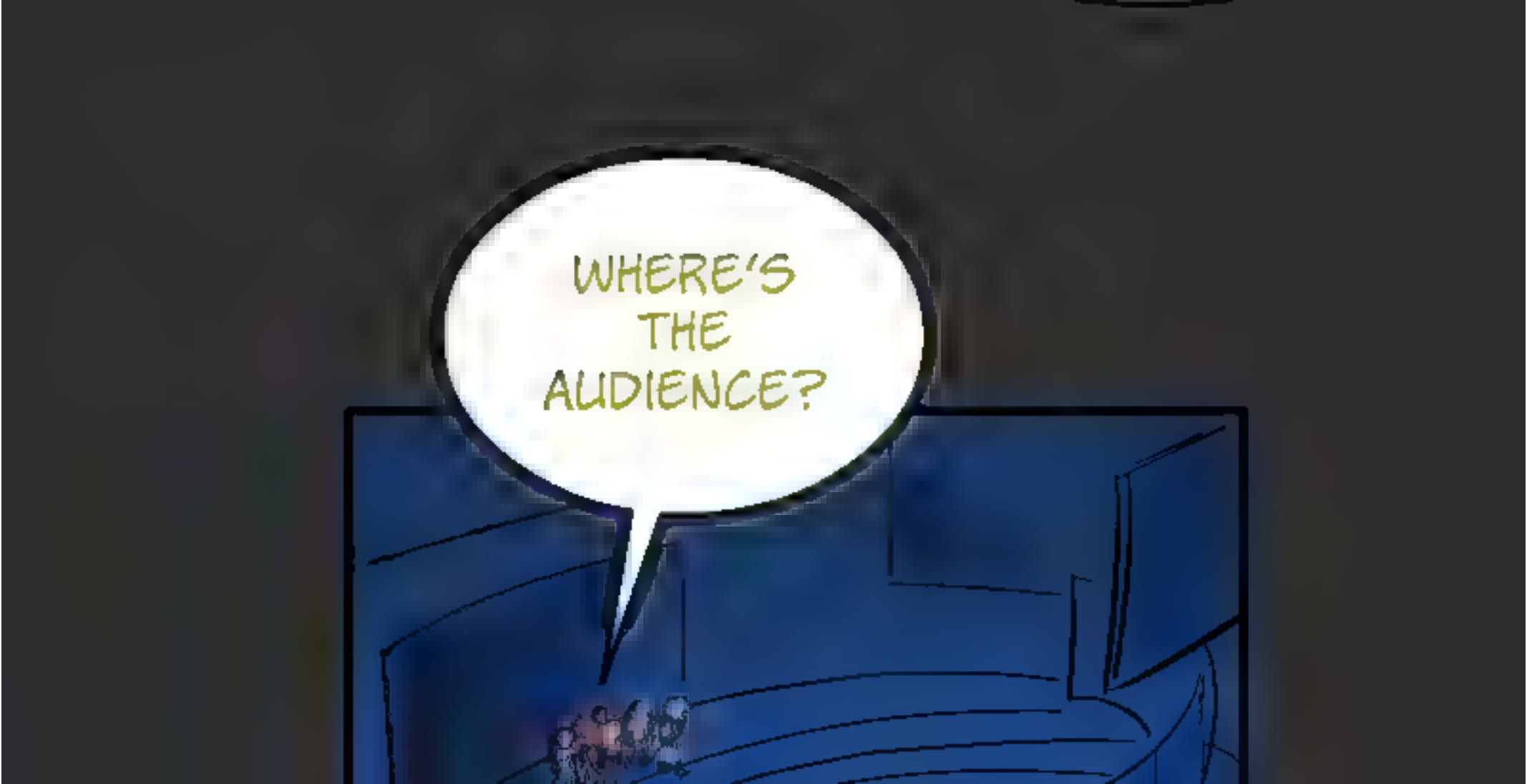
IF SHE REALLY TRUSTED HIM, SHE WOULDN'T STILL BE WEARING THAT BRACELET, WOULD SHE?



I'VE THOUGHT IT THROUGH: THE SHADOWS CHANGE NOTHING.


THIS IS
WHY WE BROUGHT
A BATTERY.

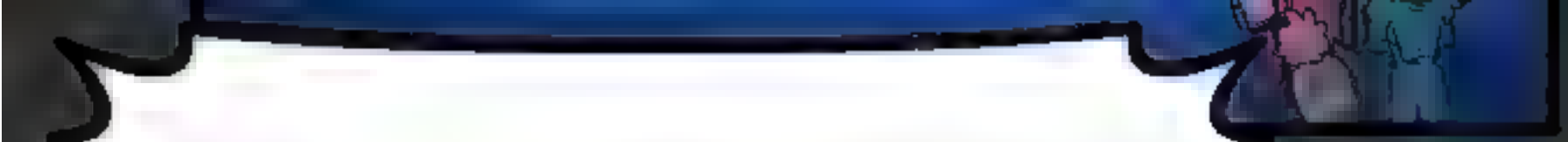
TAK
TAK
AND NOW THAT HE'S RETURNED, WE'VE GOT A JOB TO FINISH.


WHERE'S THE AUDIENCE?

OR THE STAGE FOR THAT MATTER?
THIS PLACE IS WAY TOO TINY FOR A FINAL BOSS BATTLE.

I SEE YOU'VE MADE IT! CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE FINAL ROUND OF OUR TOURNAMENT.

NOW'S THE PART WHERE I WARN YOU THAT THIS ROUND IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT!

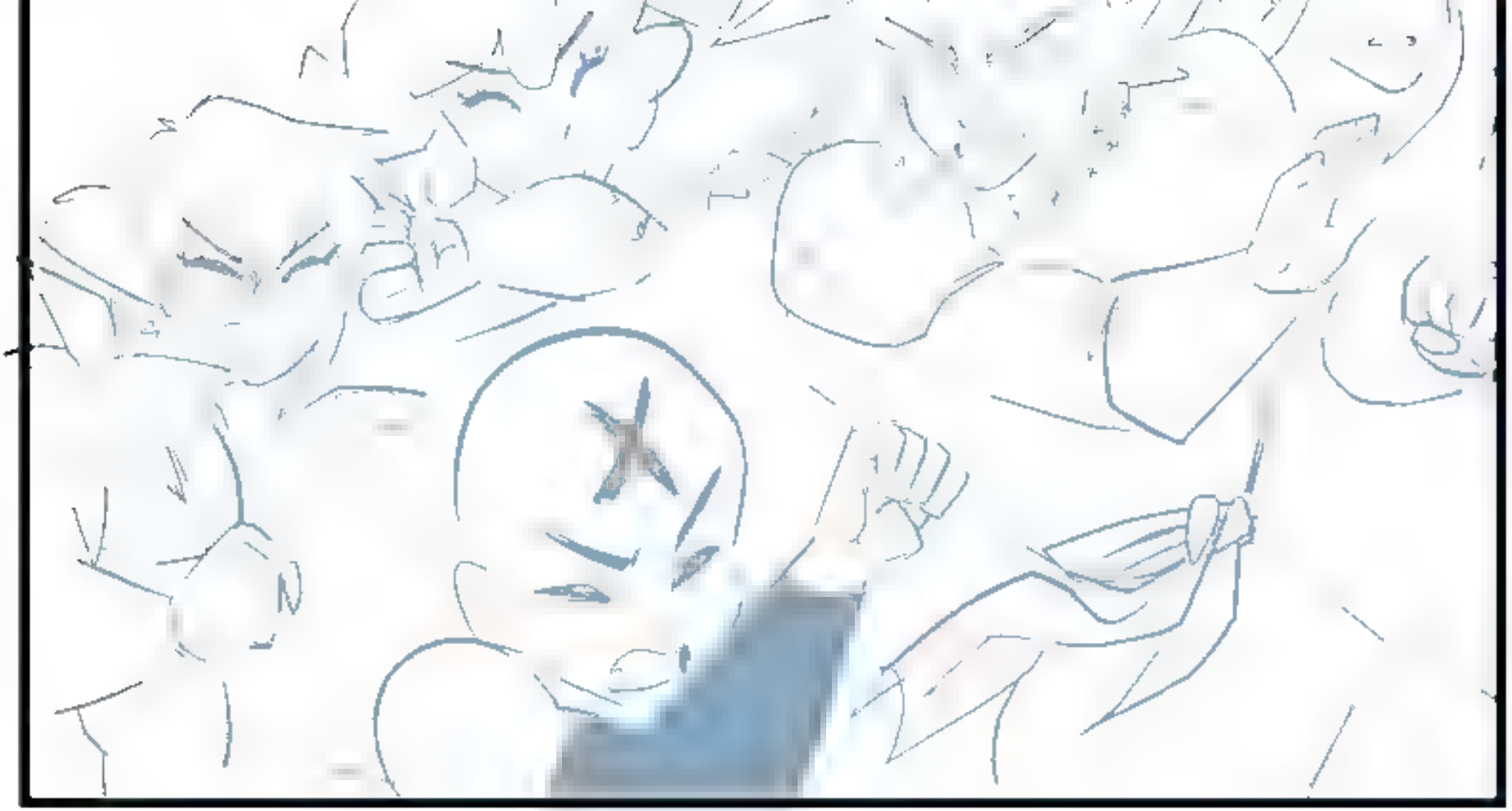


YOU'LL ALL BE COMPETING TOGETHER! WILL YOU HELP EACHOTHER OUT OR WILL ONE TAKE THE WHOLE POT!?

NOW, I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL VERY CLOSE RIGHT NOW, BUT I ASSURE YOU, YOUR TRUST WILL BE PUT TO THE TEST!

YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD BE FUN?

A BEFORE AND AFTER SHOT!



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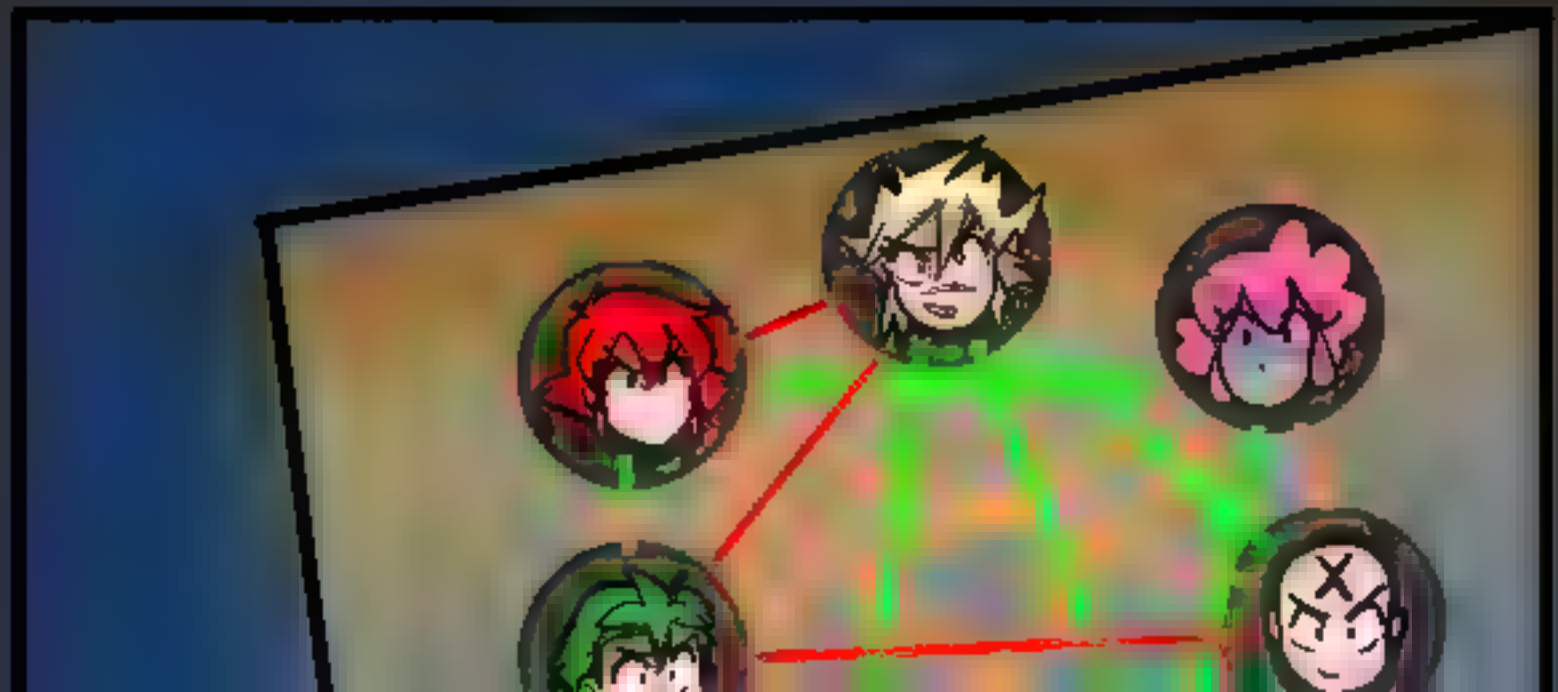
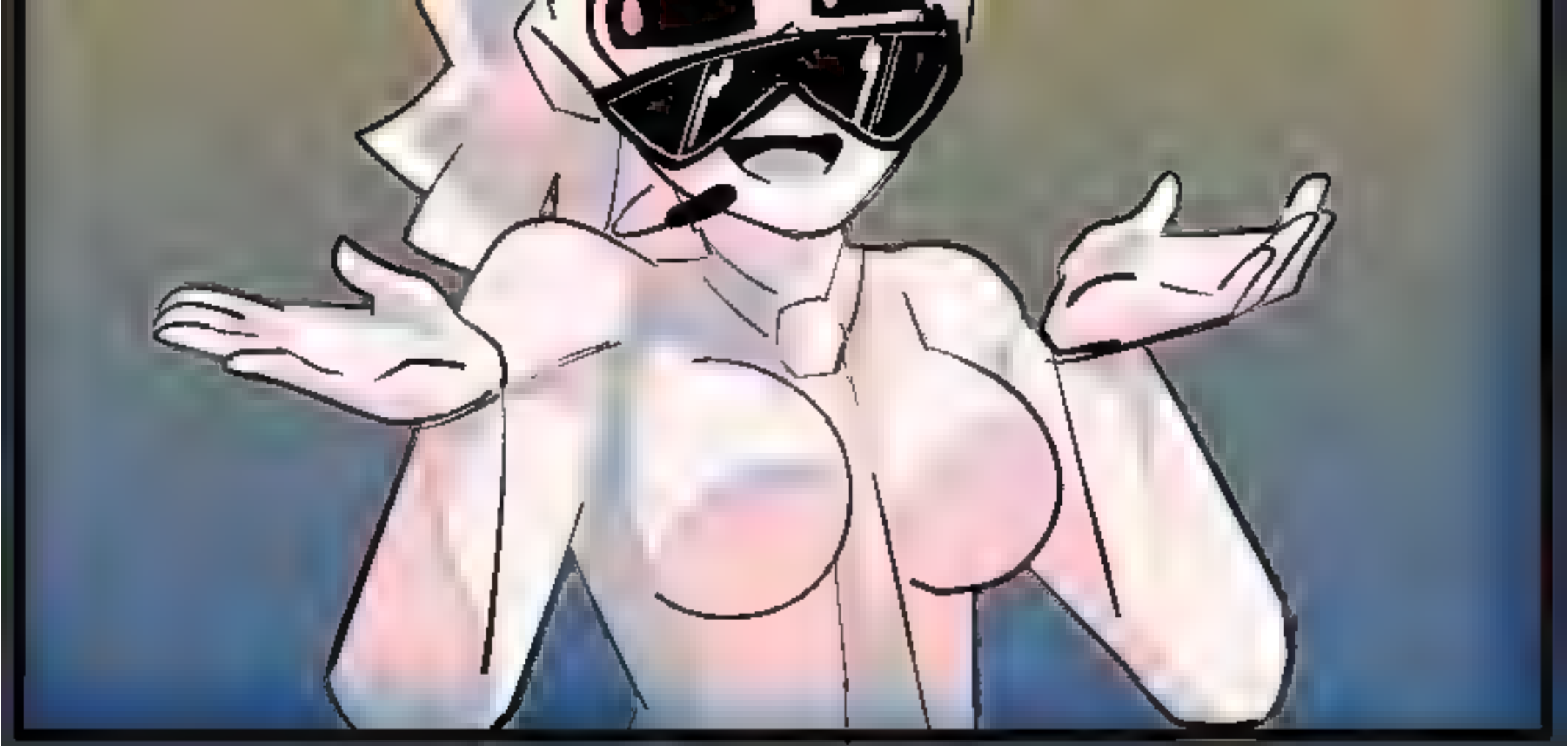


LET'S SEE...
YIKES! LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE TONS OF TRUST ISSUES HERE ALREADY!

AWW! SYLLIE, TRUSTS ME!

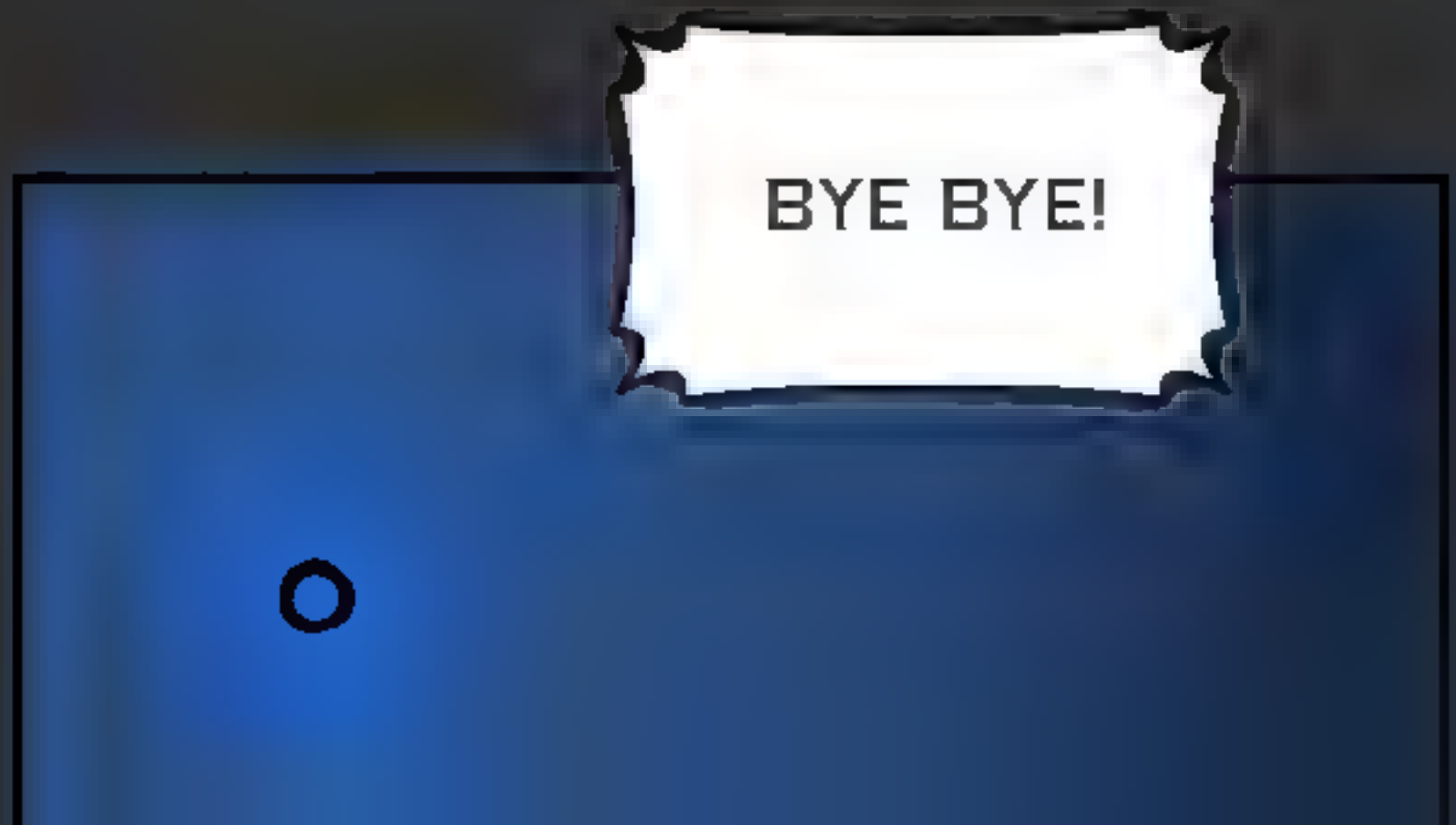
I GUESS THIS WILL BE A CHALLENGE AFTER ALL! THE AUDIENCE IS IN FOR A GREAT SHOW!



REMEMBER, WHEN YOU DIE: BE SURE TO MAKE IT AS EXCITING AS POSSIBLE!

DESCEND

THIS IS
THE GRAND FINALE,
AFTERALL!


BYE BYE!

WOOOSH

ROOM of
SWORDS

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HEY! MAKE SURE TO LIKE THE CHAPTER BEFORE WE GO TO THE FINAL MATCH!